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GOEBBELS SENT TO "SANATORIUM"

Paris, To-day.

Relieved of his post, Dr. Goebbels has been taken to the Propaganda Ministry's "sanatorium" where he will be interned, according to the Stockholm correspondent of the "Petit Parisien."

Dr. Goebbels' "disgrace" is attributed by the correspondent to trafficking in currency!

The correspondent adds that Hitler has been planning this measure for a long time! — Reuter.

R.A.F. RAID UNITS OF GERMAN FLEET IN THE VICINITY OF HELIGOLAND

London, To-day.

R.A.F. PLANES yesterday bombed units of the German fleet near Heligoland, the German naval base in the North Sea.

Details of the raid are not yet available, but the German news agency claims that some of the R.A.F. planes were shot down.

A statement issued in London later said: "In spite of formidable anti-aircraft fire the attack was pressed home at a low altitude."

"Some of our planes have not yet returned."

The German High Command, in a communique on the R.A.F. raid on units of the German fleet in Heligoland Bight, says that six planes took part in the raid, "which was without result." — Reuter.

FIVE SHOT DOWN, NAZIS CLAIM

Berlin, To-day.

The German News Agency announces that six British war planes attacked units of the German fleet near Heligoland yesterday.

It adds that the British attack was without result and, on the flight back, the British planes were attacked by German chasers.

There was a short air battle and it is claimed that five British planes fell down into the sea. — Reuter.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

London, To-day.

It has been officially announced that R.A.F. units yesterday carried out attacks on ships of the German fleet in Heligoland Bight.

RUSSIA TO STOP OIL SUPPLIES

London, To-day.

A report from Berlin received in Amsterdam says that Russia is to stop oil supplies to Britain and all our possessions.

Even if the report is correct it will not cause great concern here.

In 1938, our total imports of oil and petroleum products from the Soviet were less than 2½ per cent. of our total imports. — Reuter.

Despite formidable A. A. fire, the attacks were pressed home at a low altitude.

Some of our aircraft have not yet returned. — Reuter.

GERMAN RAID ON SCOTTISH COAST

London, To-day.

An Admiralty statement issued yesterday reports a German air raid on the Scottish coast on Wednesday.

The statement again denies the German claim to have successfully attacked a British heavy cruiser off the Isle of May, in the Firth of Forth.

This claim, it says, was presumably an unsuccessful attempt to bomb a destroyer. No hits were registered and no damage was done. — Reuter.

ANOTHER STATEMENT

London, To-day.

The Admiralty have issued yet another statement on Tuesday's German raid on the Scottish coast.

It is reiterated that no British warship was damaged in the raid.

The Germans originally claimed to have bombed the aircraft-carrier H.M.S. Ark Royal, and they are now saying that they bombed another aircraft-carrier, H.M.S. Glorious.

The Admiralty can only repeat that no British warship has been sunk or hit in any air action. — Reuter.

PARIS AIR RAID ALARM

Paris, To-day.

Air raid sirens sounded at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday and the all clear was given half an hour later.

This was the first alarm for over three weeks and everyone walked

NORWEGIAN STEAMERS SUNK

London, To-day.

Two Norwegian steamers bound for England have been sunk in the North Sea, one by a German submarine and the other after striking a mine.

The crews of both vessels were saved.

Another Norwegian steamer was unsuccessfully attacked. — Reuter.

calmly to shelters.

It was subsequently announced that the reason for the alarm was a German reconnaissance plane flying very high. — Reuter.

12 NAZI U-BOATS NOW SUNK

Paris, To-day.

M. de la Tour, chairman of the Senate naval commission, stated yesterday that the British and French navies had sunk 12 German submarines in less than a month.

This rate, he said, was greater than the speed at which Germany could replace U-boat losses.

The Royal Navy had sunk 10 U-boats and the French Navy, two. — Reuter.

NORWEGIAN SHIPS SUNK

London, To-day.

Two more neutral ships have been sunk by Nazi submarines.

Both the vessels, which were Norwegian, were carrying wood products to England.

A third ship, also Norwegian, hit a mine in the Skagerrak yesterday and sank. She was taking a cargo of timber to Antwerp.

The crews of all three vessels have been picked up. — Reuter.

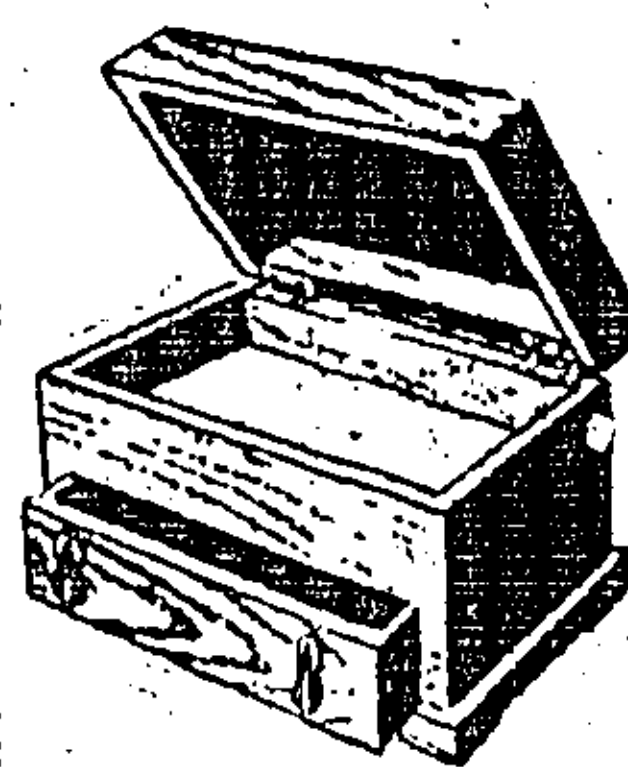
CAPITULATION OF WARSAW

London, To-day.

A German communique says that Polish troops would start evacuating Warsaw and Modlin last evening, the process to continue several days.

The German troops will enter the Polish capital on Monday. — Reuter.

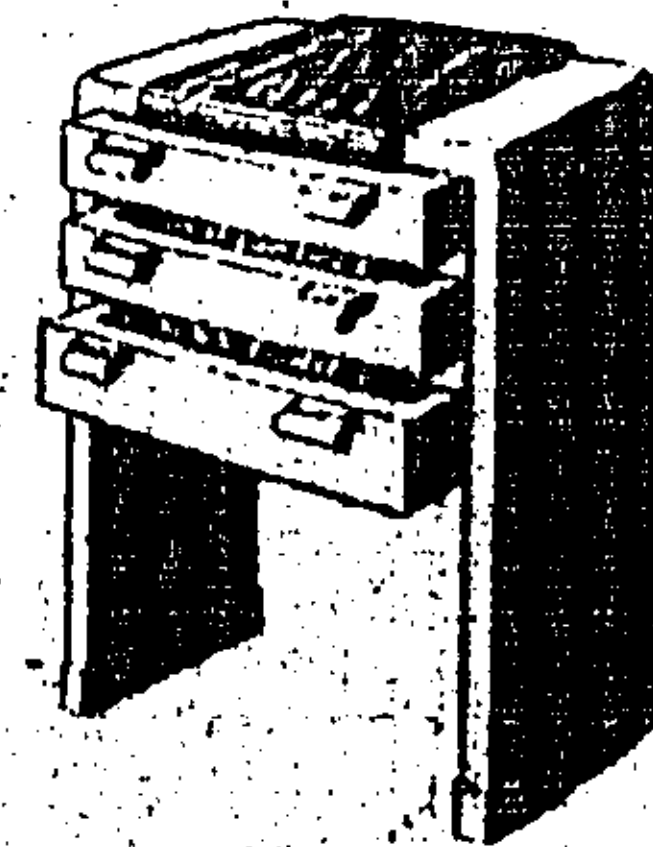
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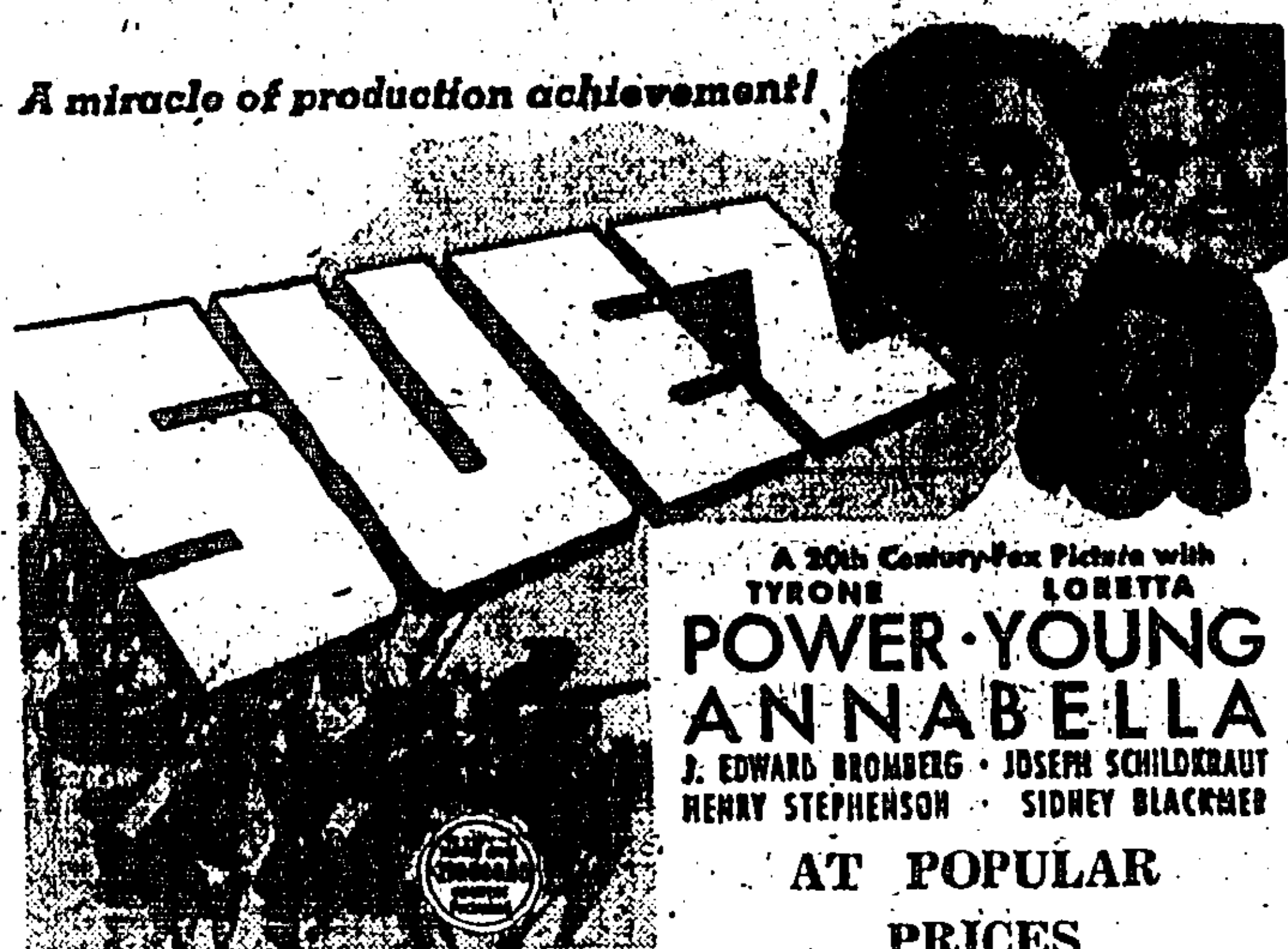
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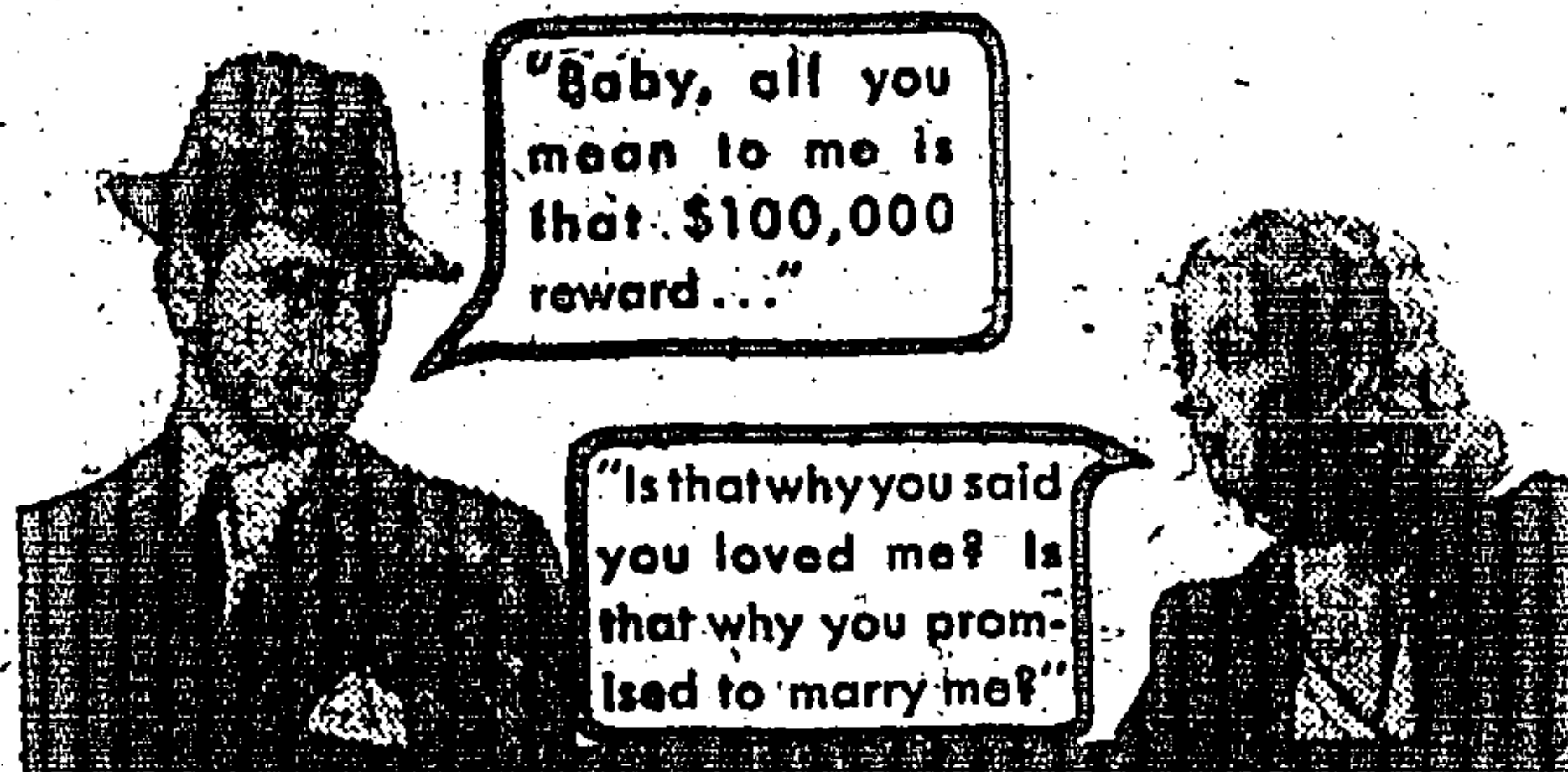
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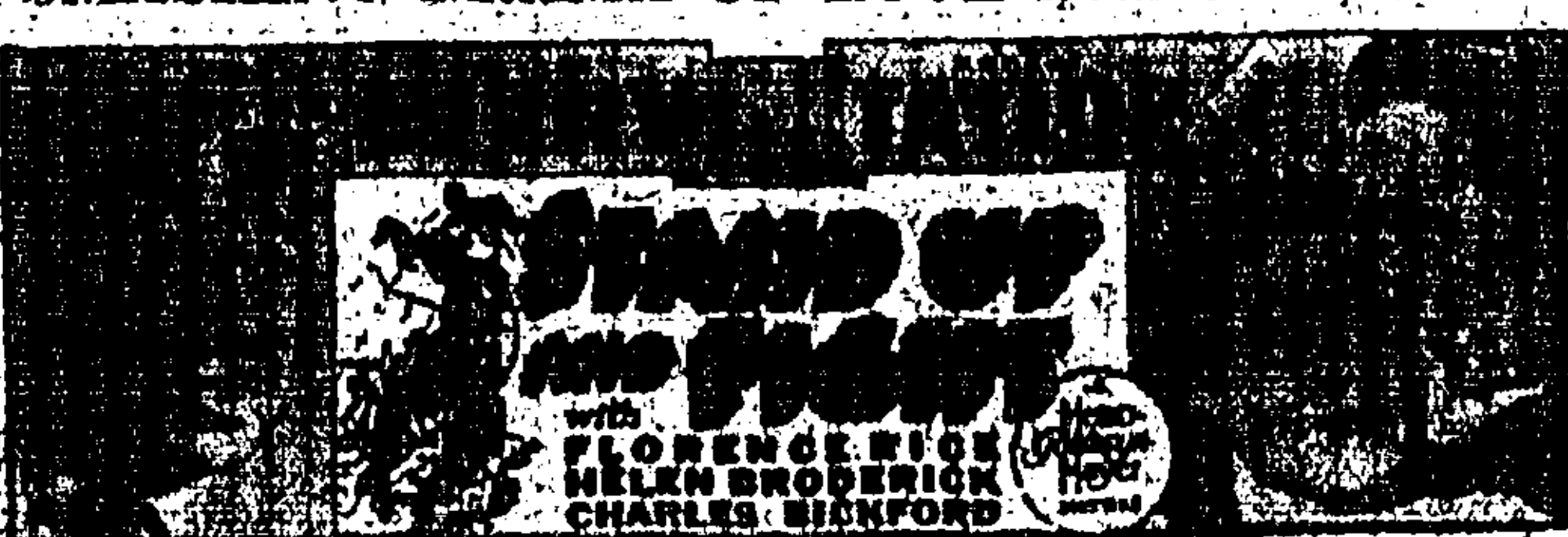
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WORK OF BRITISH WAR ORGANISATION

THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY and St. John's War Organisation, or more shortly the British War Organisation, is now beginning to forge ahead both with work and in receiving subscriptions.

MINERS WELFARE IN BRITAIN

There is an old British adage which says, "Look after the pennies and the pounds will take care of themselves," meaning that thrift in small matters will bring great riches in the end.

The founders of the Miners Welfare Fund apparently had this in mind, but they started their schemes not on pennies but on half-pennies.

The fund was instituted in 1920, when a half-penny levy was laid on every ton of coal raised. In addition there was a levy of a shilling in the pound on mining royalties.

Last year the revenue of the organisation amounted to £819,000, and its grant expenditure—the difference being made up out of balances—to £1,284,000.

PITHEAD BATHS

Particular attention has been paid to the provision of pit-head baths, and up to the end of last year baths for 400,000 persons at 313 collieries had already been provided. The total expenditure on the installation of pit-head baths, either completed or under construction, at the end of last year was £5,453,000, and on the average 93 per cent. of the workmen employed make use of them.

During the next five years an additional half-penny a ton will be levied on all coal raised, providing a further large sum for expenditure mainly on baths, but there are many other fields in which the Miners Welfare Fund is active.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Nearly £5,620,000 has been spent on facilities for indoor and outdoor recreation and cultural activities; about £3,570,000 has been allocated to convalescent homes for miners, hospitals, ambulances services, nursing, and special treatment, and well equipped centres of education have been established in almost all mining districts, at a total cost of about £1,156,000.

Its name is repeated in full above as it does not appear widely known yet. Appeal notices with the shorter title for affixing to cars and trade vans are now making their appearance. Five thousand of these have been presented by the South China Morning Post for which the Organizers express their grateful thanks.

In addition to the Work Centre mentioned previously, which incidentally has already made three dozen pairs of socks and several scarves, the following have started or are beginning next week.

Wednesdays 10.00 a.m.—Noon. Tai-koo Club—Quarry Bay in charge Mrs. Finnie.

Wednesdays 10.00 a.m.—Noon. United Services Recreation Club, Kowloon, in charge Mrs. Phillips.

Thursdays 9.30 a.m.—Noon. Prison Officers Club in charge Mrs. Willcox.

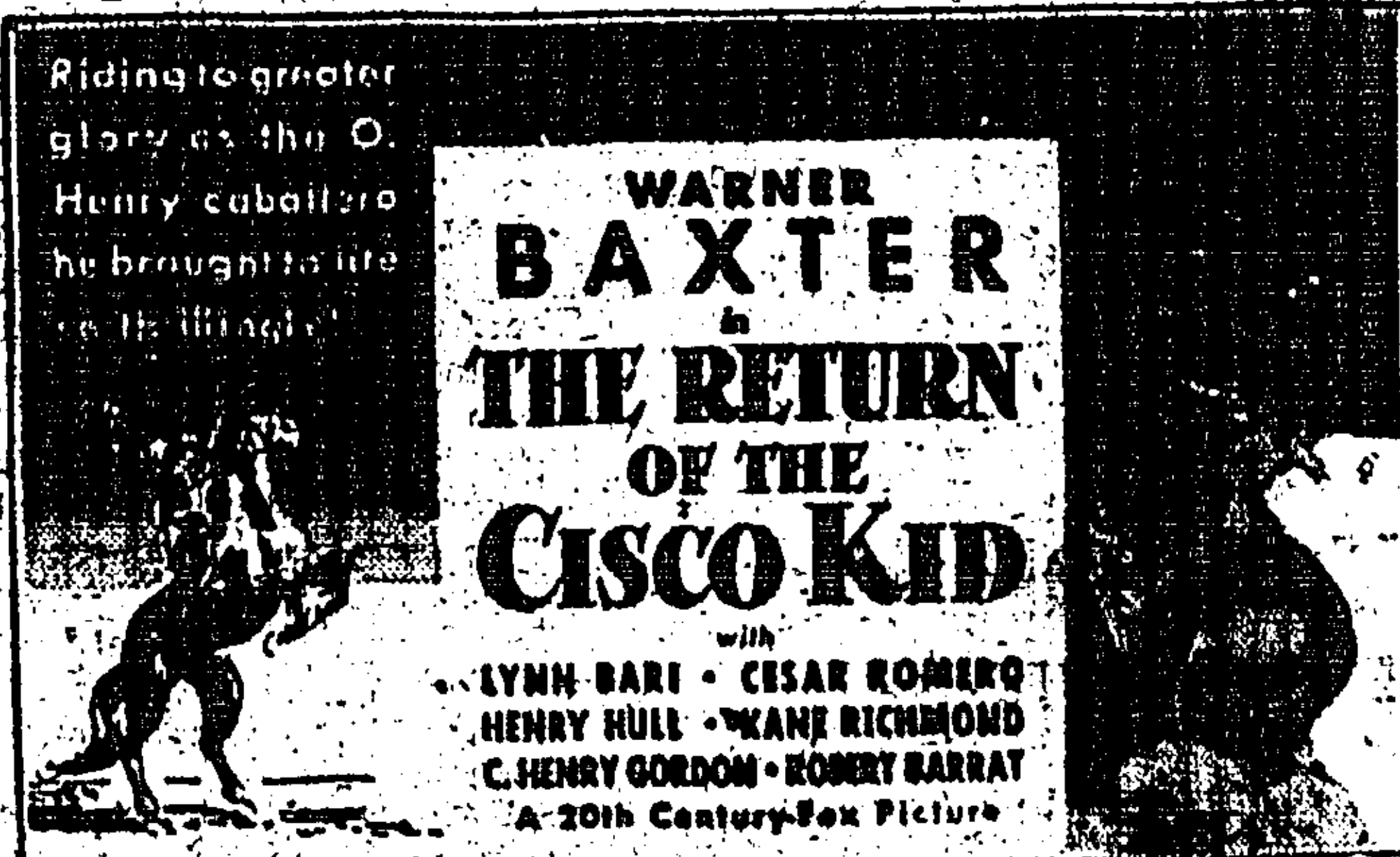
Knitting only is being done at present at these centres as the supply of material for bandages etc., which has been ordered, has not yet been received. When this most important work commences a number of sewing machines will be required and it would be deeply appreciated if those who would be willing to lend them to the various centres would be kind enough to send their names to the Secretary, British War Organization (Mr. A. Raymond), Marina House, Queen's Road.

On the initiative of the Members, the Sports Club gave a Cocktail Party on Wednesday, 27th September, at which Mr. Max Mallin gave his well known display of magic sleight of hand which kept the guests spell bound. During the evening a collection was made for the British War Organization Fund and the splendid sum of \$528.—was realised. For this contribution the enterprise of Major Manners, the Committee and the Members of the Sports Club must be congratulated and their efforts greatly appreciated.

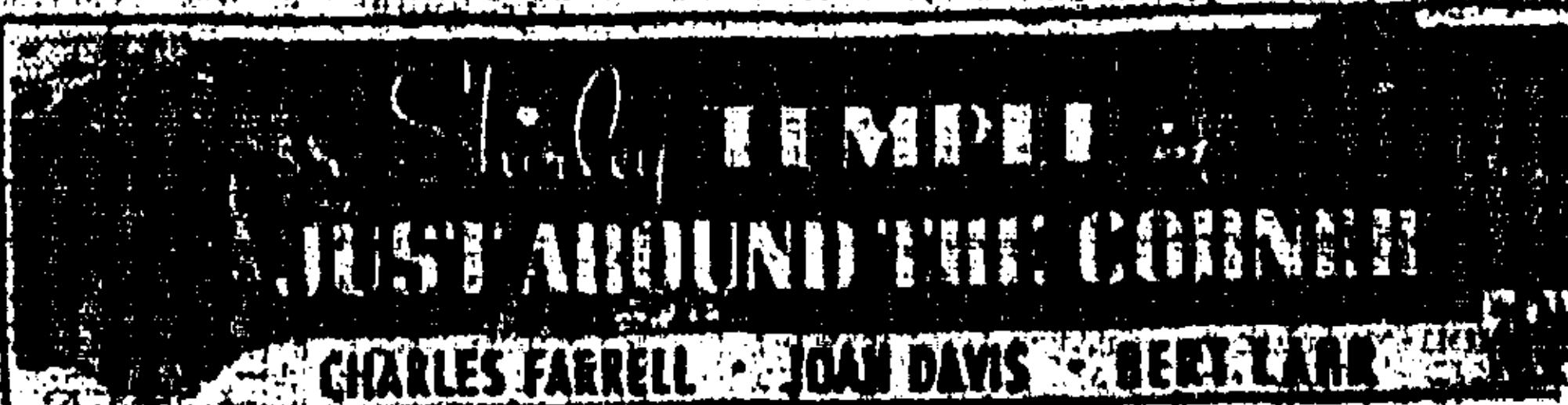
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MINISTRY OF INFORMATION TO BE REORGANISED

London, To-day.

THE COMPLETE REORGANISATION of the Ministry of Information and the establishment of a new system, whereby direct communication between the press and Government Departments is to be re-established, will be announced by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on Monday, Reuter understands.

TALK OF CHINA PEACE OVERTURES

Shanghai, To-day.

Discussing the possibility of China making peace overtures, the Japanese Embassy spokesman at yesterday's press conference expressed the opinion that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek now recognised China's inability to carry on resistance against the Japanese and that therefore China had only three courses left open.

"Firstly, to create a conflict between Japan and a third party power; secondly to continue resistance with the assistance of third party powers, and thirdly to induce a third party to mediate."

As regard the first point, the spokesman said that the outbreak of the European war had prevented its execution. Similarly with the second point as no material aid could now be forthcoming.

Which leaves only the third course open to China. "This is their trump card. They are imploring the United States to mediate."

TRICKED!

The spokesman alleged that America was fully aware of the position and was not likely to be "tricked by China into mediation."

He added that these facts coupled the "the increasing popularity of the support obtained by Wang Ching-wei in efforts to establish a Central Government, placed Chungking in a serious position."—Reuter.

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It is understood that necessary censorship of news will be confined to a smaller organisation than the present Ministry of Information. This organisation will be on the lines of the Press Bureau established in the last war.

In broad terms, the effect of the re-organisation should be that newspapers again will be free to obtain their own information and wide discretion remains with them whether or not it will be submitted to censorship.—Reuter.

ORGANISER OF KEY POST GROUP

The following appointments etc. are gazetted:

Mr. A. B. Purves to be Director of Public Works.

Approval of the appointment of the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke to be an Official Member of the Executive Council.

Mr. S. F. Balfour to be Second Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

Mr. C. G. M. Morrison to be Third Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce appointed Organiser of the key-posts group of the H.K.D.R.

Sub-Lieut. G. H. Bond relinquished his Commission in the H.K.N.V.F.

Miss D. M. Evans to be a Nursing Sister.

Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith resumed duty as Colonial Secretary.

Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North resumed duty as Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Mr. W. J. Carrie to be Chairman of the Urban Council.

Mr. W. J. Carrie to be Controller of Food.

CONSERVATION OF EXCHANGE

Wellington (N.Z.), To-day.
The New Zealand Stock Exchange Association has asked its members not to take part in transactions which result in the transfer of New Zealand funds abroad.—Reuter.

ASSISTED MIGRATION ENDED

Canberra, To-day.
The Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, announced yesterday that assisted migration from Britain to Australia would be discontinued at once.—Reuter.

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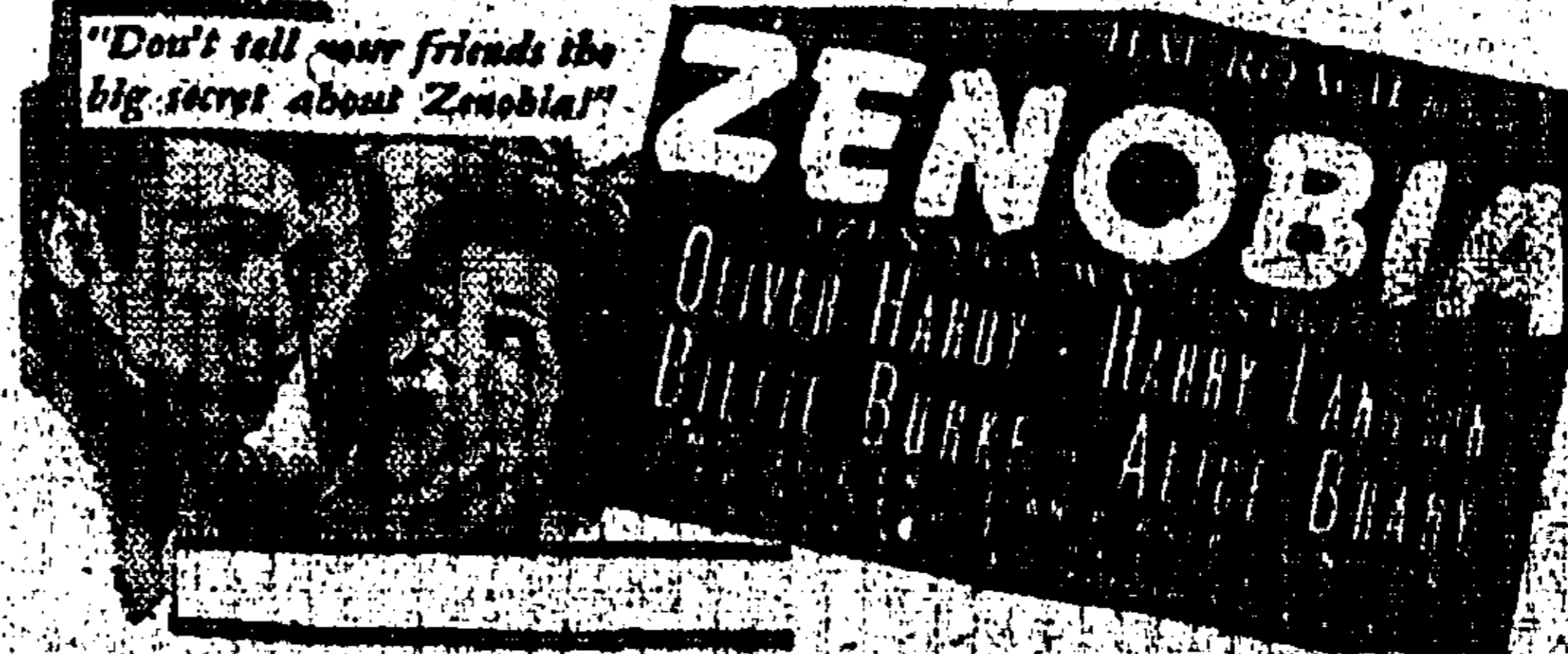
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HEAVY FIGHTING ON THE MOSELLE FRONT: FRENCH MAKE SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCE

Paris, To-day.
DETAILS OF THE French attack east of Moselle on Thursday night are given by Charles Morice in the "Petit Parisienne."

He says that the attack was launched from a line beginning at the river and passing between the village of Deft.

Armoured elements of the attacking formation reached positions over a front of over 5½ miles between Moselle and Borg villages.

2,000 YARDS ADVANCE

At some points the French advanced over 2,000 yards and now hold a line passing south of Borg.

A number of prisoners were taken. According to "Excelsior" the first weeks of the war have cost fewer lives than local operations in the last war.—Reuter.

NAZI ARTILLERY FIRE

Paris, To-day.
Yesterday evening's communique states that enemy artillery is firing in the region east of the Saar, notably around South Zweibrücken and Pirmasens.

There was activity on both sides by reconnaissance and observation aircraft.—Reuter.

ALLIED PLANES FLY FAR BEHIND GERMAN LINES

Paris, To-day.
A French communique says that Allied aircraft have flown far behind the German lines.

German aircraft were unable to prevent the Allied machines returning safely to their bases.—Reuter.

FRENCH ONE MILE NEARER THE SIEGFRIED LINE

Paris, To-day.
German artillery has been very active east of Saarbrücken, notably south of Zweibrücken, says a French war communique issued last night.

The communique adds that reconnaissance and observation planes of both sides have been active.

The French have now cut off forts and their protecting pill-boxes in the Oberperl sector, and are one mile nearer the Siegfried Line in this part of the line.

They have occupied German positions on a front of 5½ miles.—Reuter.

COMMANDER OF THE AUSSIES

Canberra, To-day.
Major-General Sir Thomas Blamey, who was Chief of Staff of the Australian Corps in 1918, has been appointed to command the Australian division of 20,000 men which will serve at home or overseas.—Reuter.

NAZI COUNTER ATTACK IN VAIN

Paris, To-day.
A German counter-attack near the Luxembourg frontier and on the Rhine, in an effort to regain positions taken by the French on Thursday night, was beaten back.

On the Moselle, the French captured a wood east of the Moselle, not much resistance being encountered.

MANY PRISONERS

The attack followed a heavy artillery barrage, and many prisoners were taken.

French artillery and machine-gun fire broke up an enemy attempt to retake a small hill commanding Saarbrücken, says "Le Petit Parisien."

WINTER COMING

Wintry conditions are now beginning to prevail on the front, and though the French and British troops are living in scattered bivouacs (as a precaution against air attack) the men are taking life good-humouredly.—Reuter.

RULER OF BAHREIN'S OFFER

London, To-day.

The ruler of Bahrain accompanied his offer of £30,000 to Britain with a message stating that for nearly one and a half centuries the rulers of Bahrain have been friendly with Britain.

Britain, he said, had protected Bahrain by guarding trade in the Persian Gulf.

If he had an army, he said, he would have offered it to Britain.

The British Government has replied expressing warm appreciation.—Reuter.

FOR NEARLY 150 YEARS

London, To-day.

In his message to His Majesty's Government, His Highness the Sheikh Bahrain says: "For nearly a century and a half, the Khalifa and Sheikhs of Bahrain have been on terms of friendship with the British Government."

"Great Britain has protected Bahrain and has ensured its prosperity by guarding trade and maintaining peace in the Persian Gulf."

"We are grateful to Great Britain."

EVIL FORCES OF NAZISM

"Our sympathies in this war which is now being waged against the evil forces of Nazism are with Great Britain."

"If we possessed an army we would offer it to the British Government, but we have no army."

"As a sign of our sympathy we wish to give £30,000 to the British Government towards the cost of the war."

"We hope the British Government will accept this gift as a small token of our admiration and esteem."

His Majesty's Government conveyed to His Highness cordial thanks for his expression of friendship which they heartily reciprocate, and for his generous gift.—Reuter.

RUMANIA REINFORCES BESSARABIA

Bucharest, To-day.

All Rumanian reservists living abroad have been ordered to return to Rumania.

More Rumanian troops have been sent to Bessarabia, the former Russian province.—Reuter.

ATTEMPTED RAID ON CHUNGKING

Chungking, To-day.

Japanese aircraft made another attempt last evening to bomb Chungking but owing to the foggy weather were unsuccessful.

Some 20 machines, it is reported participated, flying in two groups.

The first group managed to reach the suburbs of Chungking and dropped several bombs in the vicinity before departing.

The second group flew to the north of the capital, but it is not known whether they bombed any towns or villagers.—Our Own Correspondent.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

Subject: "Unreality"

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science churches tomorrow, October 1st will be "Unreality."

The Golden Text will be:—"There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches." (Prov. 13:7).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible:—"There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside thee; neither is there any rock like our God. Talk no more so exceedingly proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Submit yourselves therefore to God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." (1. Sam. 2: 2, 3; Jas. 4: 3, 7, & 10; Col. 3: 2).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy:—"Everything good or worthy, God made. Whatever is valueless or baneful, He did not make,—hence its unreality. All the evidence of physical sense and all the knowledge obtained from physical sense must yield to Science, to the immortal truth of all things. Selfishness and sensualism are educated in mortal mind by the thoughts ever recurring to one's self, by conversation about the body, and by the expectation of perpetual pleasure or pain from it; and this education is at the expense of spiritual growth. If we array thought in mortal vestures, it must lose its immortal nature. We should forget our bodies in remembering good and the human race. Good demands of man every hour, in which to work out the problem of being." (Pages 525, 493, 260, 261).

BRITAIN'S LARGE TEA STOCKS

London, To-day.

Tea stocks in bond in the United Kingdom at the end of July exceeded 158,000,000 lb.

This is more than one-third of the total absorbed in the country in the whole of 1938.—Reuter.

PRIME MINISTER SEES KING

London, To-day.

The King last night received the Prime Minister in audience at Buckingham Palace.—Reuter.



Coldstream Guards in camp at night. One of the novel features of modern training is the camouflage of the troops. Foliage is used to hide them from the "enemy." Photo shows camouflaged troops on the march. (Copyright, Fox).

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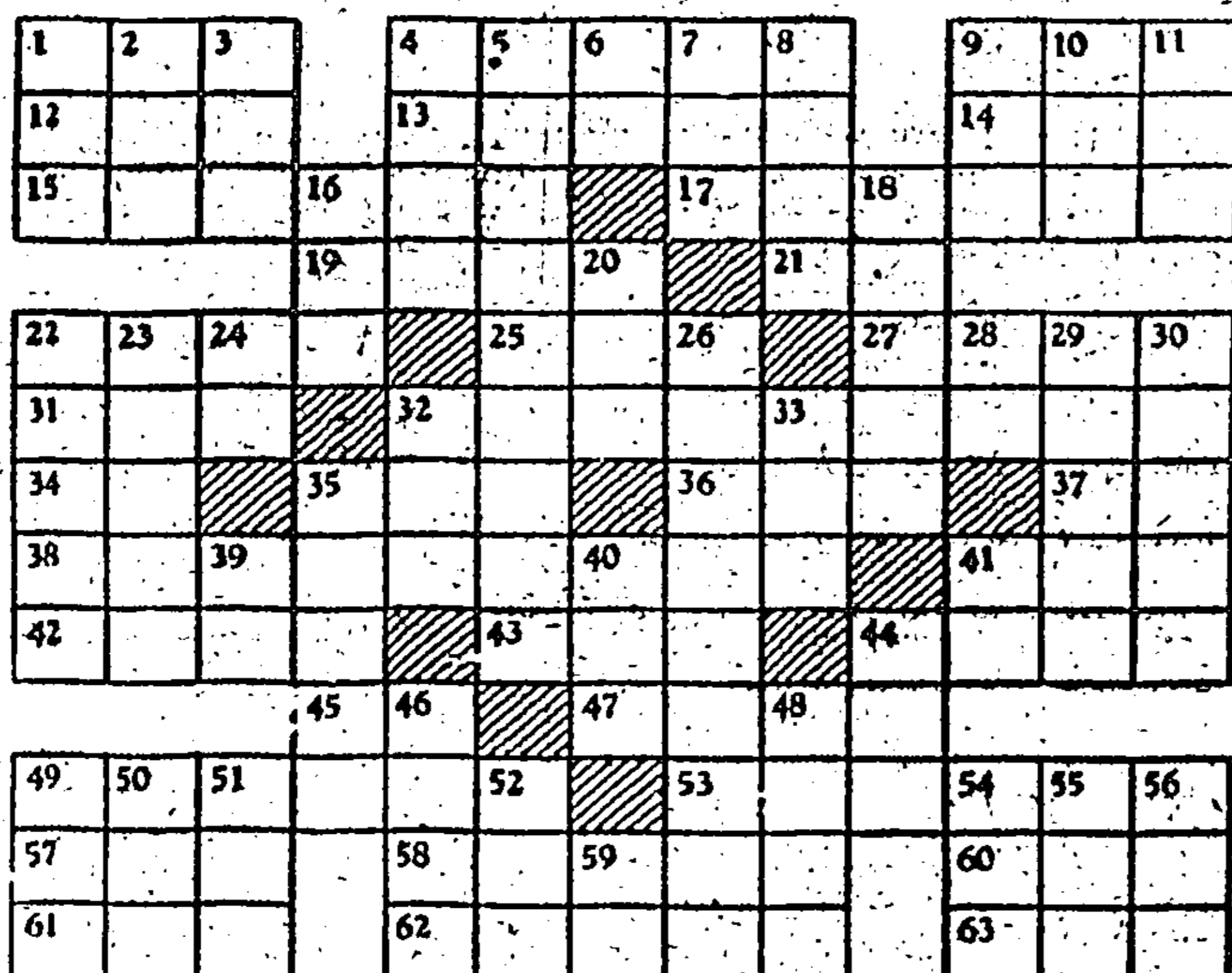
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- 14 Turkish officer
- 15 Cut up
- 17 Dashed
- 19 Employed
- 21 To exist
- 22 Hulled corn
- 25 Incline head
- 27 Mischievous child
- 31 Investigate
- 32 To weaken
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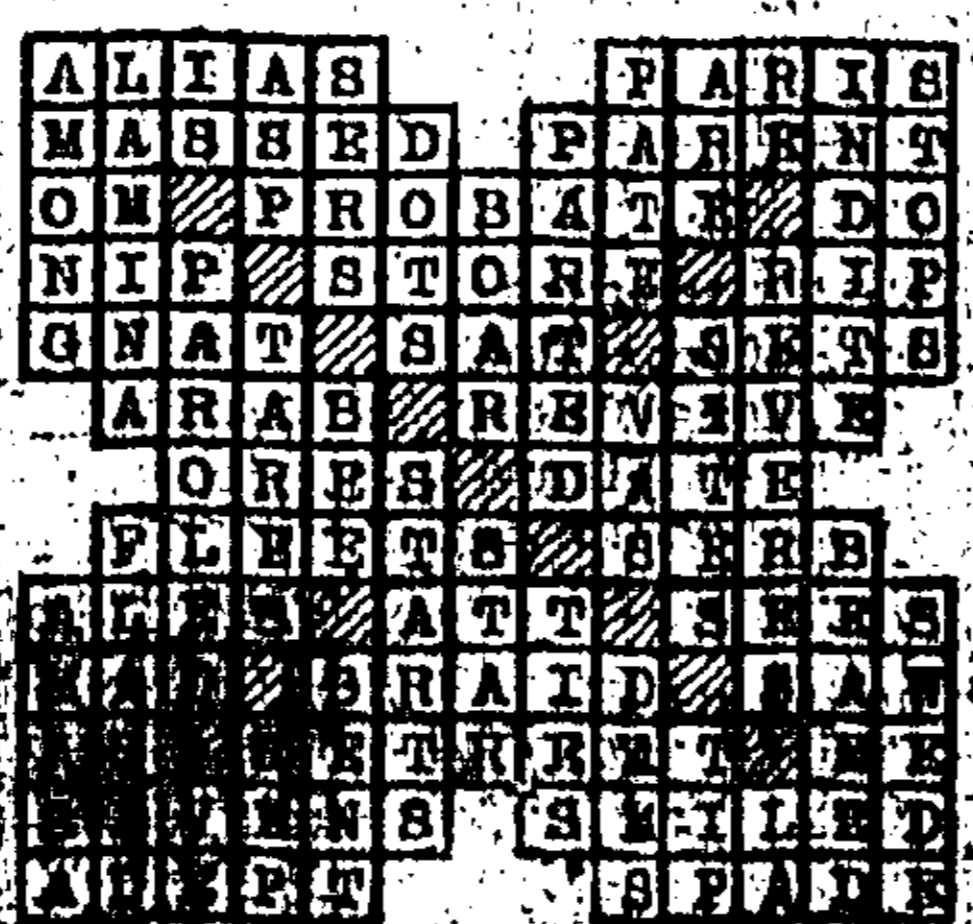
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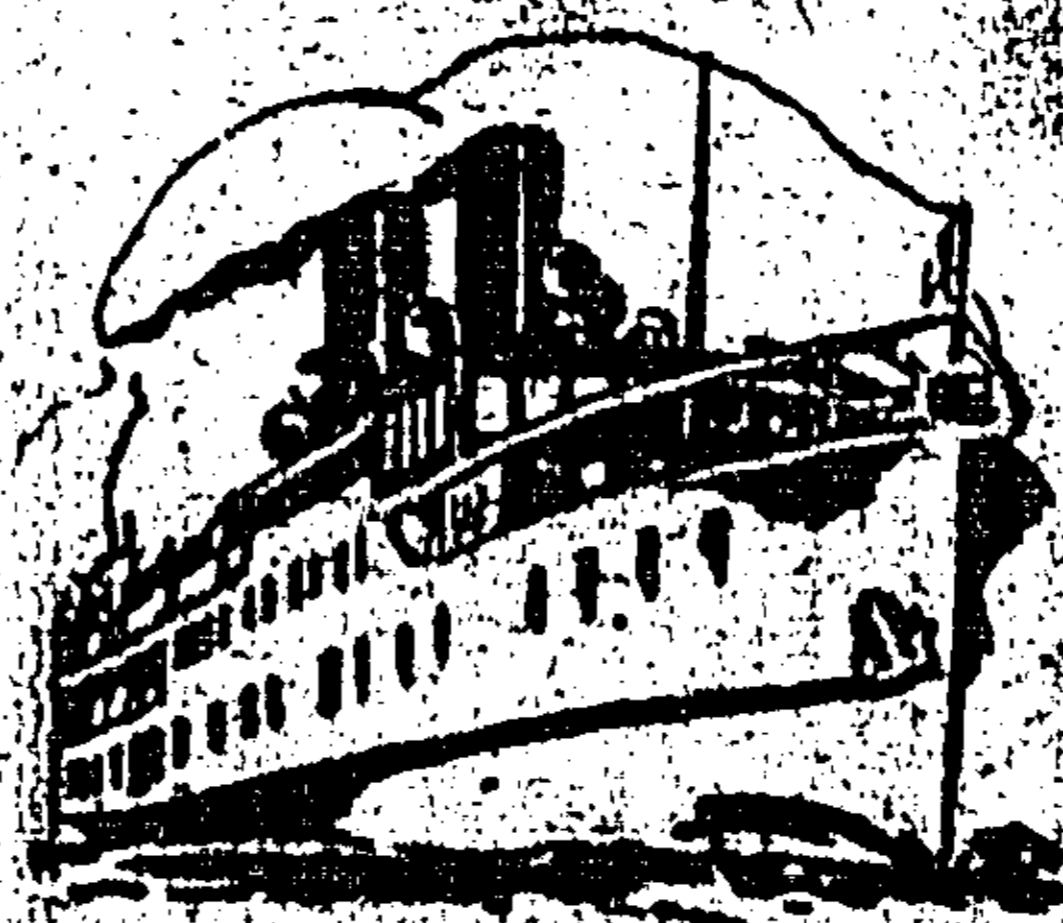
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CORPS ORDERS-AMENDMENT

The amendment published in Corps Order No. 38/30 dated 22.9.30 under this paragraph deleting the name of Pte. T. A. Johnston is cancelled. Pte. Johnston remains with No. 3 M.G. Coy.

TRANSFERS

Captain J. S. Rodrigues, from Port. Coys. H.Q. to Res. of Offrs., 4.8.30; 4162, Pte. G. W. Grey, from Res. Sec. B. to Fd. Coy. Engrs., 27.9.30; 3719, Pte. L. Goldman, from Armd. C. Pl. Res. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 4062, Pte. R. G. Geer, from Corps H.Q. to No. 4 M.G. Coy., 29.9.30; 3863, Gnr. M. S. Banner, from Art. H.Q. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 3834, Gnr. E. W. Bannister, from Art. H.Q. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 3836, Gnr. H. H. Beddow, from Art. H.Q. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 3860, Gnr. D. S. Blake, from Art. H.Q. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 3875, Gnr. G. Campbell, from Art. H.Q. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 3848, Gnr. D. Kelvin-Stark, from Art. H.Q. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 4048, Gnr. F. A. Olsen, from Art. H.Q. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 4069, Gnr. W. F. Dudman, from Art. H.Q. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 3486, Gnr. E. L. Clegg, from 1st Bty. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 2709, Gnr. A. S. Olsen, from 1st Bty. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 3330, Gnr. N. M. Dessoulavy, from 1st Bty. Res. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 3650, Gnr. J. T. Dupuy, from 2nd Bty. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 3537, Gnr. W. J. McConnell, from 2nd Bty. to 1th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 3538, Gnr. W. W. Rae, from 2nd Bty. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 2594, Pte. J. S. Dunnett, from No. 1 M.G. Coy. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 3853, Pte. W. F. Edge, from No. 1 M.G. Coy. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 2106, Pte. T. A. Pearce, from No. 1 M.G. Coy. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 3368, Pte. J. L. C. Pearce, from No. 1 M.G. Coy. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 2946, Pte. E. L. Taverner, from No. 1 M.G. Coy. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 3452, Pte. P. F. Cathrew, from No. 1 M.G. Coy. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 3895, Gnr. C. F. Marshall, from Art. H.Q. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 3896, Gnr. J. Robinson, from Art. H.Q. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 4032, Gnr. G. H. Catherley, from Art. H.Q. to 5th A.A. Bty., 29.9.30; 1641, Pte. R. H. Griffiths, from Res. Sec. A. to No. 1 M.G. Coy., Res., 29.9.30; 1789, L/Cpl. S. D. Begg, from A.S.C. Coy. Res. to A.S.C. Coy., 29.9.30; B/17, Pte. V. H. C. Jarrett, from Res. Sec. B. to A.S.C. Coy. Res., 29.9.30; 1566, Pte. J. P. Whitham, from No. 1 M.G. Coy. Res. to Corps H.Q., 29.9.30.

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

4082, Pte. R. G. Geer, No. 4 M.G. Coy., to be A/Sgt., 27.9.30; 3008, Pte. K. I. Tse, No. 4 M.G. Coy., to be L/Cpl., 27.9.30; 3024, Pte. S. K. Lung, No. 4 M.G. Coy., to be L/Cpl., 27.9.30; 2773, Bdr. A. W. T. White, 3rd Bty., binson, 5th Bty., to be Bdr., 29.9.30; to be Sgt., 29.9.30; 3896, Gnr. J. R. 2946, Gnr. E. L. Taverner, 3rd Bty., to be L/Bdr., 29.9.30; 3650, Gnr. J. T. Dupuy, 5th Bty., to be L/Bdr., 29.9.30; 3538, Gnr. W. W. Rae, 5th Bty., to be L/Bdr., 29.9.30; 3537, Gnr. W. J. McConnell, 5th Bty., to be L/Bdr., 29.9.30; 4032, Gnr. G. H. Catherley, 5th Bty., to be L/Bdr., 29.9.30; 3836, Gnr. H. H. Beddow, 5th Bty., to be L/Bdr., 29.9.30; 3863, Gnr. M. S. Banner, 5th Bty., to be L/Bdr., 29.9.30; 4069, Gnr. W. F. Dudman, 5th Bty., to be L/Bdr., 29.9.30; 2106, Gnr. T. A. Pearce, 5th Bty., to be L/Bdr., 29.9.30; 3368, Gnr. J. L. C. Pearce, 5th Bty., to be L/Bdr., 29.9.30; 3755, Pte. J. W. Hudson, Stanley Platoon, to be Sgt., 29.9.30; 3744, Pte. F. R. Fuggle, Stanley Platoon, to be Cpl., 29.9.30; 3734, Pte. W. R. Dedear, Stanley Platoon, to be Cpl., 29.9.30; 3766, Pte. B. Plumb, Stanley Platoon, to be Cpl., 29.9.30; 3732, Pte. S. W. Cressey, Stanley Platoon, to be Cpl., 29.9.30; 3036, Pte. F. M. Thompson, No. 1 M.G. Coy., to be L/Cpl., 29.9.30; 1835, Pte. H. J. Hunt, A.S.C. Coy., to be Sgt., 29.9.30; 1789, L/Cpl. S. D. Begg, A.S.C. Coy., to be Cpl., 29.9.30; 309, Pte. G. H. Cuthill, A.S.C. Coy., to Cpl., 29.9.30; 1920, Pte. J. C. Meyer, A.S.C. Coy., to be Cpl., 29.9.30; 1896, Pte. F. E. Lawrence, A.S.C. Coy., to be Cpl., 29.9.30; 1925, Pte. L. W. Tiple, A.S.C. Coy., to be Cpl., 29.9.30; 4164, Pte. D. McCallum, A.S.C. Coy., to be Cpl., 29.9.30.

QUALIFICATION-RANGEFINDERS

The following members of the 1st Battery have qualified as Rangefinders:—Gnr. J. L. Hsley, Bdr. R. Sleep, Gnr. S. T. Butlin, Gnr. T. L. Lockhart, Gnr. H. Bullock, Tpr. M. M. Swan.

ATTACHMENT

1506, Pte. J. P. Whitham, Corps H.Q. Liaut. S. V. Gittins, No. 3 M.G. attached to No. 1 M.G. Coy., 29.9.30.

LEAVE

Armstrong, Field Coy. Engr., 8.9.30-1.9.30-29.2.40; 2740, Cpl. T. 19.10.30; 4106, Gnr. J. Young, 3rd Bty., 20.9.30-28.2.40; 3341, Sgt. I. F.

Grant, Pay Section, 1.10.30-31.12.30; 3093, Pte. W. G. Robertson, No. 2 M.G. Coy., 3.10.30-17.10.30.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

2000, Pte. S. C. Tang, No. 4 M.G. Coy., 21.9.30; 2027, L/Bdr. Ting Zeh, 4th Battery, 29.9.30; 2394, Signmn. S. Omar, Corps Signals, 19.5.30; 2509, Signmn. Randhir Singh, Corps Signals, 19.5.30; 2498, Signmn. G. Singh Punne, Corps Signals, 19.5.30; 2739, Signmn. Pynra Singh, Corps Signals, 19.5.30; 3031, Pte. O. W. Lam, No. 4 M.G. Coy., 22.9.30; 2383, Pte. N. W. Smeby, A.S.C. Coy. Res., 29.9.30; 2630, Pte. J. Rodger, A.S.G. Coy. Res., 29.9.30; 2977, Pte. K. Lund, A.S.C. Coy. Res., 29.9.30; 1806, Pte. R. T. Nelson, A.S.C. Cadre, 29.9.30; 2403, Pte. S. Howard, A.S.C. Cadre, 29.9.30; 669, Pte. M. Nicholson, Res. Sec. A., 29.9.30.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

4163, Pte. G. D. Hufschmidt, M.M.G. Platoon, 11.9.30; 4164, Pte. D. McCallum, A.S.C. Coy., 11.9.30; 4165, Gnr. K. J. Attwell, 1st Bty., 15.9.30; 4166, Pte. T. V. N. Fortescue, No. 1 M.G. Coy., No. 4 Pl., 20.9.30; 4167, Pte. M. N. Rakusen, Pay Section, 22.9.30; 4168, Spr. J. Chow, Beach L. Coy., 25.9.30; 4169, Spr. C. C. Lal, Beach L. Coy., 25.9.30; 4170, Spr. G. H. S. Marr, Beach L. Coy., 25.9.30; 4171, Spr. H. S. Tsui, Beach L. Coy., 25.9.30; 4172, Gnr. N. H. France, 2nd Bty., 25.9.30; 4173, Spr. H. S. T. Cheung, Beach L. Coy., 25.9.30; 4174, Pte. W. H. Floyd, Stanley Platoon, 25.9.30; 4175, Pte. D. R. Holmes, No. 1 M.G. Coy., No. 4 Pl., 26.9.30; 4176, Pte. E. B. Teesdale, No. 1 M.G. Coy., No. 4 Pl., 26.9.30; 4177, Pte. P. Y. Lo, Field Amb., 26.9.30; 4178, Pte. G. B. Godfrey, No. 2 M.G. Coy., 27.9.30; 4179, Pte. M. Shi, Field Amb., 27.9.30; 4180, Pte. J. G. McKenna, M.M.G. Pl., 29.9.30; D.R.100, Gnr. J. G. Marshall, 5th A.A. Bty., 28.9.30; D.R.102, Pte. A. D. Williams, Field Amb., 28.9.30.

S. W. THURSBY, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

AFFILIATED UNIT

NURSING DETACHMENT, H.K.V.D.C. Lecture.—The next lecture on First Aid will be held on Friday, 6th October in the St. John Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m.

Home Nursing Examination-Results.—The following have passed the Home Nursing Examination held on 28.9.30:—Miss J. Booker, Miss M. Booker, Mrs. D. Booker, Miss B. Budden, Mrs. W. Dalziel, Miss P. Baldwin, Mrs. A. Simons, Mrs. J. M. Dobbs, Mrs. L. V. Gray, Miss H. B. Barker, Miss M. G. Black, Mrs. B. Yale, Miss R. Grant, Mrs. H. Dowbiggin, Miss R. Judah, Mrs. I. M. S. Braude, Miss E. Griffin, Miss I. Buchanan, Miss S. M. Mackichan, Mrs. K. Fisher, Miss H. Brewer, Mrs. E. Tebbutt, Mrs. P. H. Mace, Miss J. C. Sanh, Miss H. Wolf, Miss G. Ezra, Mrs. M. Budden, Miss N. L. Eardley, Miss A. R. L. Dowbiggin, Miss A. M. Purves, Mrs. M. Artlett, Mrs. E. M. Begg.

Strength-Decease.—Mrs. M. Levy—29.9.30. Sgd. Mrs. E. M. BEGG, Commandant, Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

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TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

THE CASE OF THE
HYPNOTIC CONFESSION

BY VINCENT TOWNE

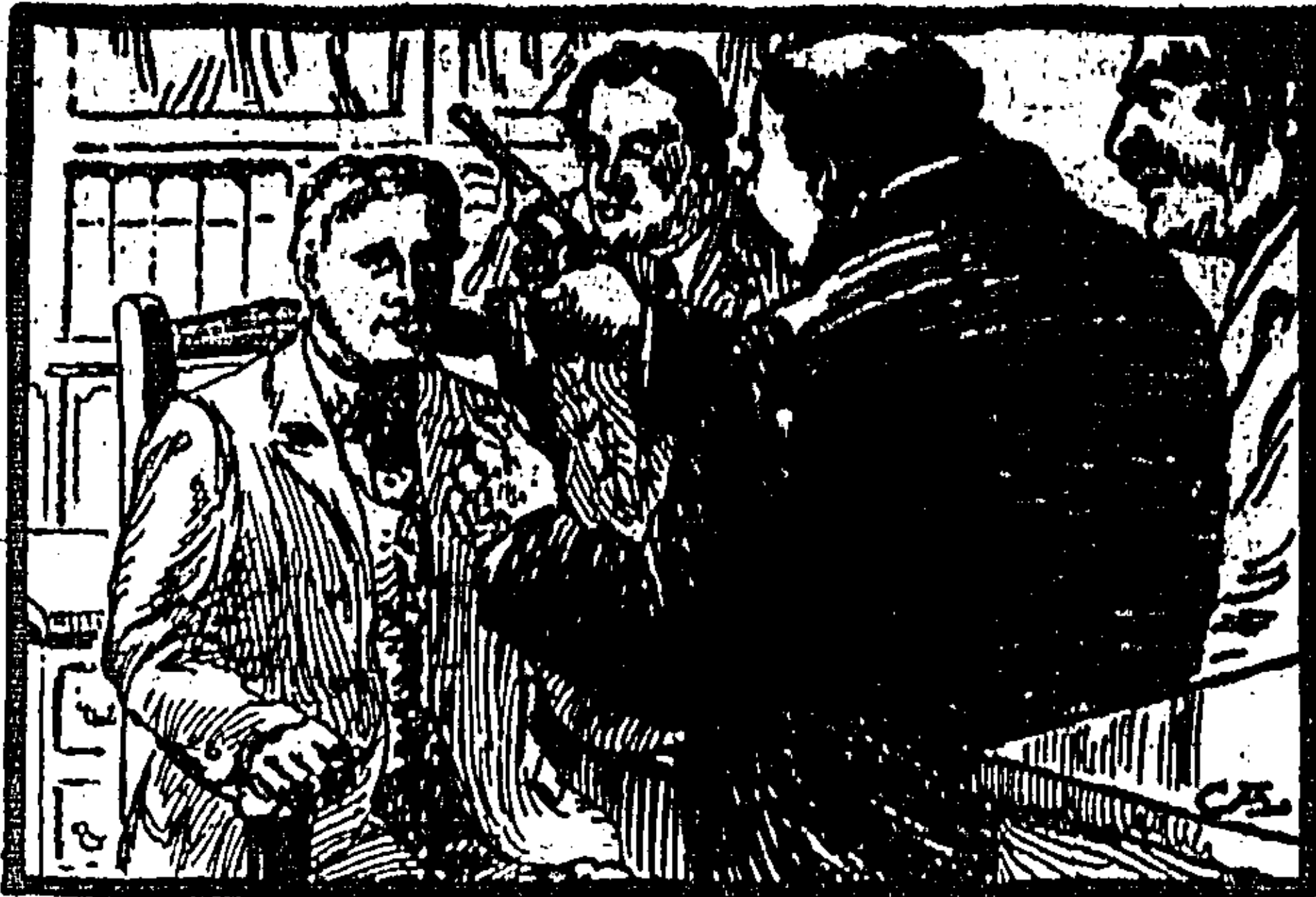
Application of hypnotic suggestion to suspected criminals for the enforcement of true confessions has been recommended by some students of criminal psychology. The consensus of such scientific opinion has been that any human being, however unscrupulous, cunning or deceitful, will, under this stimulus, become suddenly unsophisticated and ingenuous and utter in the unadulterated truth even more readily than, when in the normal state, he gave voice to lies.

Some murder cases appear to reveal phenomena quite the reverse of this alleged law. In short, they seem to prove that a suspect, hypnotized by an emotional shock and acted upon by a forceful suggestion of guilt imparted during a rigorous "sweating," such as administered by the police to virtually all murder suspects may make detailed confessions of crime of which he is utterly innocent. The scientist who came forward as, apparently, the first exponent of this strange mental law was Dr. Hugo Munsterberg, professor of psychology at Harvard.

Professor Munsterberg was forced to this conclusion by investigating a strange murder case occurring in Chicago. The victim was a young married woman, Mrs. Hollister. On Jan. 12, 1906, a young man, Richard G. Ivens, reported that he had found her body lying face downward in a barnyard a half block from his home. In the adjacent barn Ivens cared for his father's horse, and it was his business to go there and attend to it. Finding the body, he immediately ran home and reported the discovery to his father, who notified the police. Near the dead woman were no evidences of a scuffle. Her hat lay at her feet, but her purse, shopping bag and muff were missing. The murderer had throttled her with a copper wire, still about her throat, the ends drawn tightly together.

Ivens appeared nervous when the police questioned him. He showed evidences of having been awake all night. Yet investigation proved that he had a good record. All of his neighbours regarded him as very kind, credulous and amiable although given to fits of despondency, absent-mindedness and stupidity. He assisted his father at the carpenter's trade.

When brought to the police station he was told at once that he was guilty but protested his innocence. The police questioning him began "more and more impressively to suggest to him his guilt," as Professor Munsterberg put it. At the coroner's inquest a revolver was flourished before him with a quick motion which made a



A Revolver Was Flourished Before Him

flash of steel in the room. After this Ivens began to confess, and he repeated his confession with richer detail, and, although his witnesses established a plausible alibi, he was convicted and executed on the basis of this confession. He had had no previous police record, had never sought women's company, and was regarded as stupid, credulous, absent-minded and given to morose moods.

Six days before his execution he awoke as if from a spell and denied

all memory of his previous confessions. He asserted that his only recollection of the coroner's inquest was that of seeing a revolver pointed at him.

"I saw the flash of steel in front of me," he said. "Then two men got before me. I can remember no more than that about it. From the time I was arrested I do not believe that I was myself for a moment. Everything about that time was a blur, a blank, to me. I can see through this blur

the time in the station when the police would bring me up every little while and tell me what I had done, I did not do it and I knew that I did not, but I do not know what I said or did. I wondered why a revolver should be pointed at me."

According to Professor Munsterberg, the flash of the revolver pointed at Ivens during the inquest threw him into the hypnotic state, and he developed a false memory of the details of the crime suggested to him by his questioners.


Whether Ivens was guilty or innocent of the murder for which he was hanged is a mystery still vexing police authorities, lawyers and savants.

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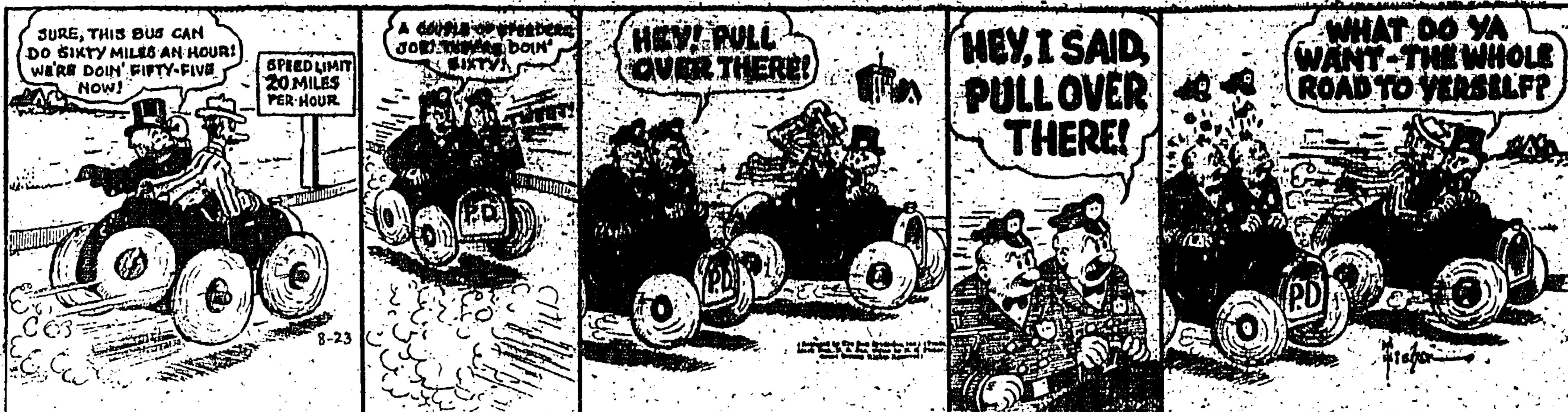
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Marta Eggerth (Soprano) and the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Dance Music by Gerald and His Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Bobby Breen, Ruth Etting and the Four Musketeers in a Variety Programme.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Mozart Programme.
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6.45 p.m.—London Relay—News Supplement.
Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.50 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.
7.23 p.m.—Albert Sandler and His Orchestra with Olive Gilbert (Contralto), Edgar Elmes (Baritone).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Piano Recital by Alfred Cortot.
Impromptu No. 2 in F Sharp Major, Op. 36 (Chopin); Impromptu No. 1 in A Flat Major, Op. 29 (Chopin); Valse in A Flat, Op. 69, No. 1 (Valse des Adieux); Tarentelle, Op. 43 (Chopin); "Rigoletto"—Paraphrase de Concert (Verdi-Liszt).
8.26 p.m.—Viola Solos.
Prelude (d'Hervelois); Menuett; La Neapolitaine (d'Hervelois).... Syl Grummer (Viola) with Piano accomp.
Duetto (from 'Songs Without Words'—Mendelssohn); Venetian Gondola Song No. 1 (from 'Songs Without Words'—Mendelssohn).... Lionel Tertis (Viola) with Orchestral accomp.
La Campanella (Paganini).... William Primrose (Viola) with Piano accomp.
8.43 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Concert by the Columbia Orchestras.
Pan American (Herbert); March of The Toys (from 'Babes in Toyland'—Herbert).... Columbia Symphony Orchestra.
Neapolitan Melodies, Medley.... Columbia Concert Orchestra.
Spring Song (Mendelssohn).... Columbia Symphony Orchestra.
9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Recent Events.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—Local Sport Results.
9.35 p.m.—Selections from Musical Comedy.
The Song of the Drum—Selection (Ellis & Finck).... Herman Finck & His Orchestra; On Your Toes—Selection.... Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel Orpheans with Jack Whiting; Careless Rapture—Selection.... Gerald & His Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.
Dixon Hits No. 25. Intro: Says my heart; Now it can be told; Alexander's Ragtime Band; It'd d'lovely; There's rain in my eyes; Everyone must have a sweetheart.
Dixon Hits No. 27. Intro: Blue skies are round the corner; The Umbrella Man; Day Dreaming; Penny Serenade; The Dicky Bird Hop; The Chestnut Tree.
10.14 p.m.—Grand Programme of Variety and Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—What Goes On Here in My Heart (film 'Give me a Sailor'); A Little Kiss at Twilight (film 'Give me a Sailor').... Dick Jurgens & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Yours and Mine (film 'Broadway Melody of 1938'); Your Broadway and My Broadway (film 'Broadway Melody of 1938').... Harry Roy & His Orchestra.
Vocal—"On Wings of Song" Memories (The Story of the film).... Told by Frances Clare and Sung by Joan Cross & Henry Wendon.
Fox-Trots—You're Laughing at Me (from 'On the Avenue'); This Year's Kisses (from 'On the Avenue').... Roy Smeck & His Hawaiian Serenaders.
Fox-Trots—Cherry; Love Ain't Nothin' But The Blues.... Frankie Trumbauer & His Orchestra.
Humorous—A Lot of Nonsense.... Murray and Mooney with Piano.
Fox-Trots—Lost and Found; Outside of Paradise (from the film).... Jack Harris & His Orchestra.
Tango—Se Lo Llevaron; La Punalada.... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Fox-Trots—Sunday in the Park; Meet Me Down in Sunset Valley.... Mantovani & His Orchestra.
Vocal & Piano—My Piano & Me. Intro: One Alone; To a Wild Rose; One Fine Day.... Turner Layton.
Fox-Trots—The Flat Foot Floogie; Strike Up the Band.... Billy Cotton & His Band.
Quicksteps—So You Left Me For The Leader of A Swing Band; The Snooper.... The Six Swingers.
Vocal—Mon Petit Lit (D'Enfant (Delettre & Aubret); Depart (Delettre & Aubret).... Lucienne Boyer with Piano.
Fox-Trots—Doctor Rhythm (from the film); Bull It in C.... The New Lyres.
Tango—Nostalgia Del Deserto; Waltz Selection—Tales of Hoffman (Offenbach).... Barnabas Von Geczy & His Orchestra.
Vocal—Winter Draws On (Haines, Harper); We've Got To Keep Up With The Joneses (Elliott).... Gracie Fields with Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—I Hadn't Anyone Till You; Yes, There Ain't No Moonlight.... Tommy Tucker and His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—The Trouble With Me Is You (film 'With Love and Kisses'); Goodnight To You All.... George Elrick & His Swing Music Makers.
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With four clubs and three spades, North should of course have run out of five spades into six clubs. Similarly, South would also have been better advised not to stand by the spade suit after the double.

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KING 2
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JACK 1
TOTAL VALUE OF CARDS
EACH CARD 10 CTS.

West opened the Ace of hearts and shifted to the ten of diamonds. Declarer ducked in dummy, trumped in his own hand and led a spade. West won with the King and played the six of diamonds. Once more Declarer played low from dummy, trumped in his own hand and now led another spade.

In the event of a 3-2 break in spades, with West holding both the Ace and King, this particular line

of play would have held the set to but one trick. However, West held four spades. He won with the Ace and led back the deuce, thereby exhausting Declarer's trumps. Now a club was finally led. West won with the Jack and played the Jack of hearts. East went up with the King and returned a low heart, whereupon West spread his hand. Declarer did not even make his Ace of diamonds, and was down eight tricks!

You were Oswald Jacoby's partner yesterday and held:

♠ x x
♥ x x
♦ x x
♣ Q x x x x x

The bidding:

| Jacoby | Schenken | You | Maier |
|--------|----------|-----|-------|
| 1♠ | Pass | (?) | |

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to pass. Any bid with this hand is more than likely to get you into trouble.

Score 100% for pass, 30% for one no-trump or two clubs, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 219

You are Merwin Maier's partner and hold:

♠ A 10 8 x x
♥ A 9 x x
♦ x
♣ J x x

The bidding:

| You | Burnstone | Maier | Schenken |
|------|-----------|-------|----------|
| Pass | Pass | 1♥ | 2♦ |
| 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ | 5♠ |
| Dbl. | 5♦ | Pass | Pass |
| (?) | | | |

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE: POSITION OF GOVERNMENT

Sir,—In view of statements which have appeared recently in certain local newspapers suggesting that a Government statement regarding the affairs of the Hong Kong Branch of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade is expectable, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to make the following observations.

2. St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade throughout the world is directed from St. John's Gate, London, through its local organization. In

Hong Kong, as doubtless elsewhere, the Government has a deep interest in the welfare of its own Brigade complement but bears no responsibility for and exercises no control over its administration: the fact that many of the officers of the Hong Kong Branch, including the Governor, are Government officials in no way alters that position.

3. A statement by Government regarding St. John affairs would be an unwarrantable derogation of the authority of the Venerable Order and the fact that none has appeared should cause no surprise to any person who is well informed upon the constitution of the Order.

4. No such statement will be made by Government. I am to ask you to be so good as to publish this letter at your early convenience.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
N. L. Smith
Colonial Secretary.

[The "China Mail" has refrained from all reference to the controversy concerning the St. John Ambulance Brigade, in the knowledge that unnecessary publicity could only aggravate the situation.]

SECRET DEFENCE DEVICES

For a long time Britain was the world pioneer in the practical application of scientific knowledge and technique in industry, and British inventions helped to change the face of the modern world. Then there was a tendency for the nation to rest on its past achievements, and in certain countries it was gleefully announced that Britain's day was done and the British people were decadent.

Developments during the past year or two should help to dispel this dangerous illusion. Since Britain entered the rearmament field her advance has been phenomenal, not only quantitatively but qualitatively as well. The inventive faculties of her scientists and technicians are as keen and vigorous as ever, and the British Navy and the British Air Force testify to the superb qualities of the men whose business it is to produce new devices to meet new dangers.

The Admiralty recently let it be known that they have a secret apparatus for defeating the submarine peril. Under ordinary conditions, with this apparatus, British warships can hunt out and make certain of finding enemy submarines. "The chance of the submarine surviving has been reduced by thirty per cent during the last six months."

EMBARRASSING RAPIDITY

The British Air Ministry scientists produce one invention after another with astonishing—and indeed embarrassing—rapidity, for it is almost impossible to standardise any system of defence in detail. Production methods "must be kept fluid so as to be able to incorporate into our system each new device as it materialises." In the recent large-scale air exercises some marvellous machines took part; but impressive as these machines were, there are still better ones now ready for action should the need arise.

LABOUR'S PEACE MANIFESTO

A special brand of tissue paper, so thin that it can be screwed into a tiny ball or slipped into a letter or the leaves of a book, is being used by the underground left-wing movement in Germany to circulate the British National Council of Labour's Peace Manifesto.

In this form the manifesto weighs less than a milligram, although it is easily read and measures 8½ by 10½ inches. The paper is so fine that it is completely transparent.

The manifesto, a message from British to German workers, says among other things, "What sheer madness it would be for us to set about the beastly business of killing each other."

SIMPLIFIED ENGLISH

In almost every country in the world there is a continually increasing number of students of the English language.

It is already the predominating tongue, and from present indications we may assume that it is likely to become the universal language of international intercourse. It is the language of the Government of more than 800,000,000 persons.

English is not an easy language to learn, and its difficulties subject it to much misuse and to misconceptions as to the meaning of many of its words and phrases. To simplify and to make it easier to learn many systems have been devised by enthusiasts and experts. One of these systems, Basic English, has been widely adopted; but Basic English has not been free from criticism. Some authorities have praised it highly; others have hotly condemned it.

GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

In order to arrive at some definite conclusion on the matter, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, has appointed a committee of experts to examine methods of teaching simplified English to persons who do speak the language. The relative merits of various methods now available will be assessed by the committee and recommendations will be made.

Such recommendations will be extremely useful to the British Council, the semi-official organisation concerned with establishing cultural contacts with other countries.

STUDENTS ABROAD

Among its other activities the British Council has helped to establish British Institutes abroad. Such an institute recently founded in Athens was originally planned to accommodate 400 students.

On the opening day it was besieged by 8,000 students clamouring for admission; and enlargement was arranged. In Bucharest the British Institute has 2,000 students. And as all these students are keen to master the English language, a simplified system of teaching will be invaluable, both to the Council and to the students themselves.

The Management of the Hong Kong Hotel regrets to advise the withdrawal for the time being of the Ormonde Sisters owing to the indisposition of one of the Artistes. They will not feature to-night but it is hoped at a later date to announce their reappearance.

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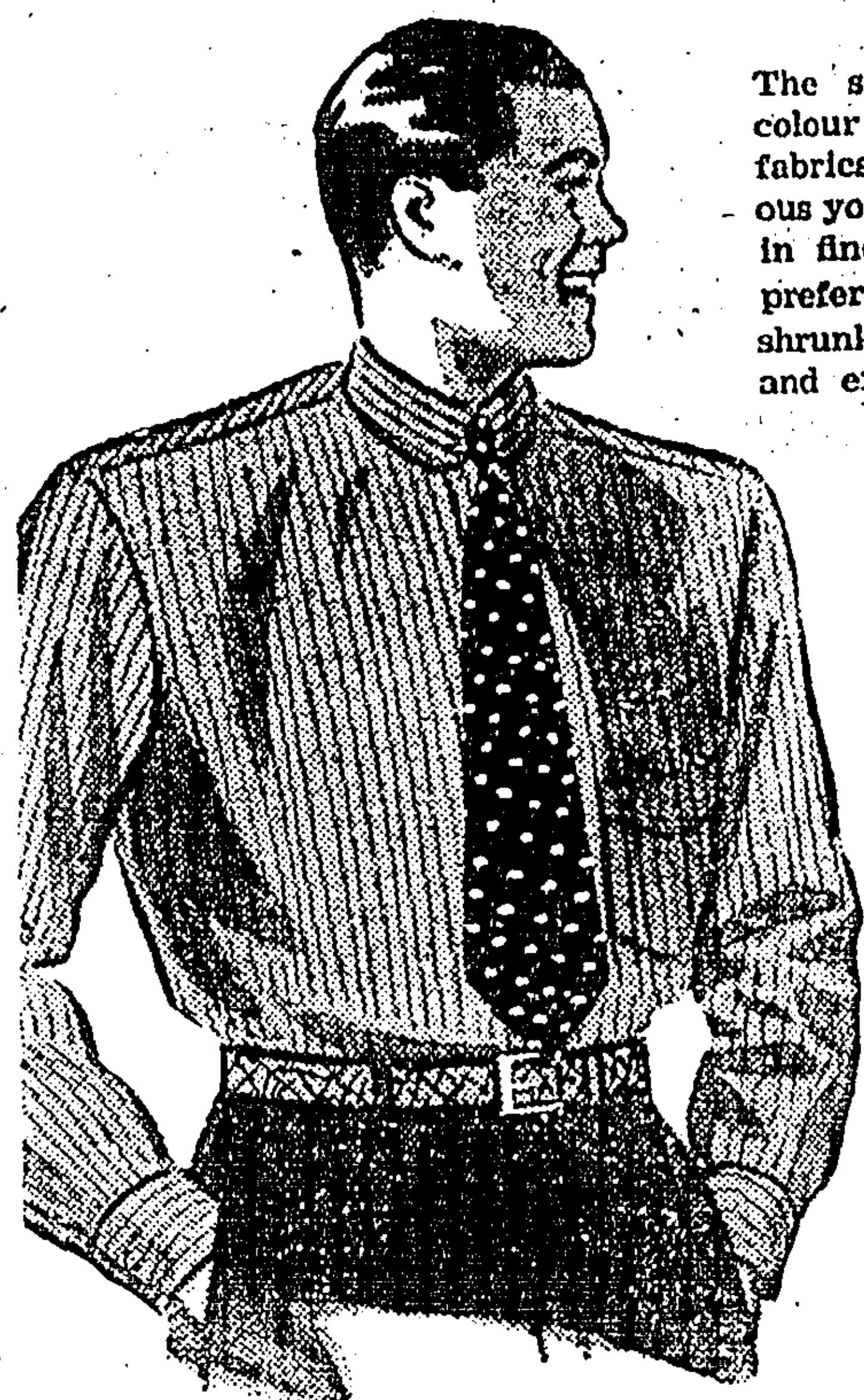
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A FAMILY ARGUMENT.—Two fox cubs, deserted by their mother when a few days were taken to separate households a mile apart at Chingford Mount, Essex. Now at three months old they are thoroughly tame, except on the rare occasions when they meet and then the fur begins to fly. (Copyright, Fox).



THE WORLD'S BIGGEST BIRD THAT CANNOT FLY.—The ostriches are the largest living bird, sometimes as tall as eight feet, with long legs that have plenty of muscle in them. Although they are not able to fly, their wings are certainly useful, as they provide beautiful ornamental ostrich feathers. They can run as fast as a horse—and kick as hard as one, too. Photo shows a man riding an ostrich. (Copyright, Fox).



This striking aerial view gives an excellent idea of the layout of a modern oil storage field in the U.S.A. The tanks are scattered and each one is ringed in by a wall to prevent the spread of fire. The farm is two miles across. (Copyright, Fox).

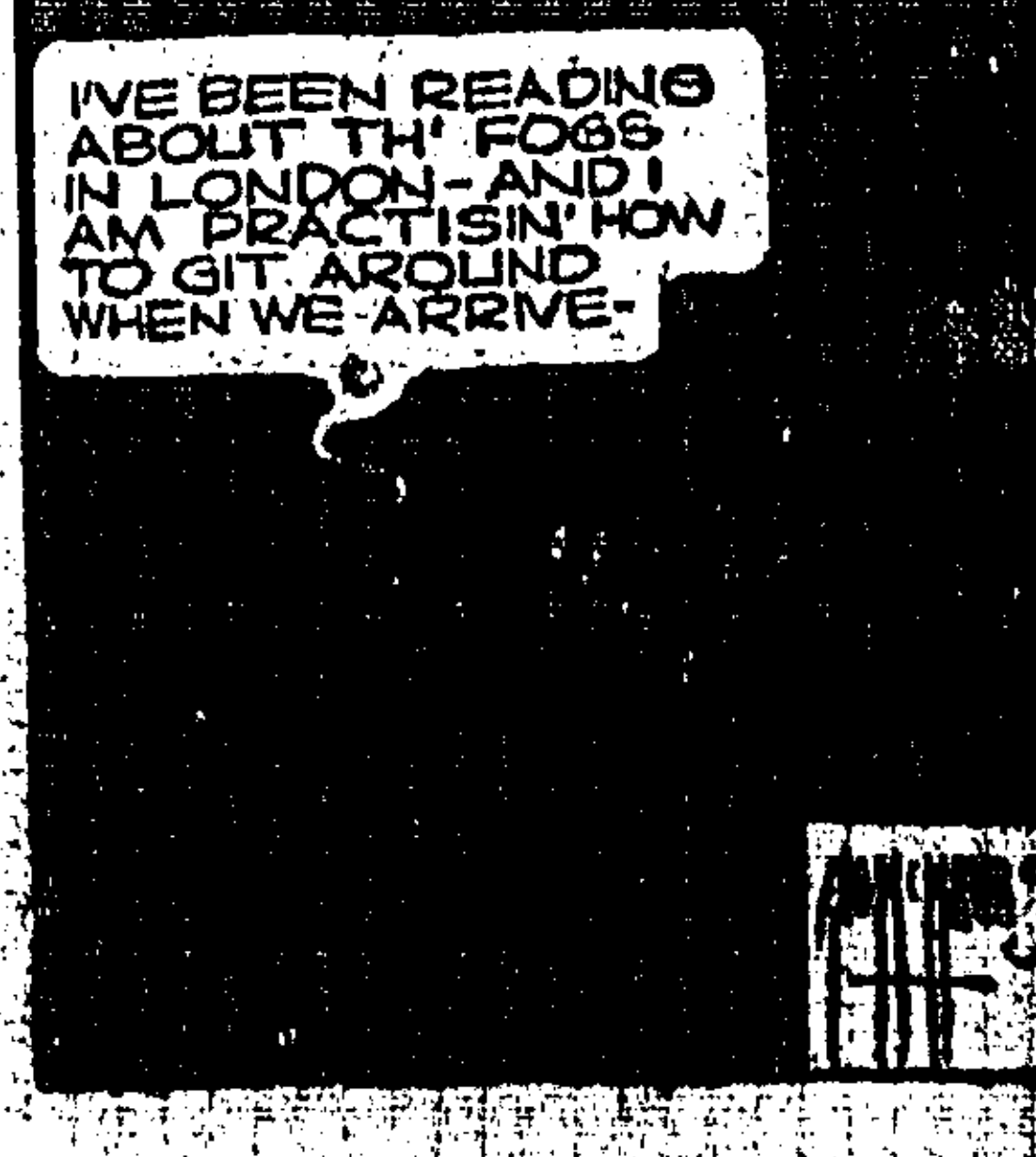
THE CONVOY SYSTEM

London, To-day.
The French Minister of Marine and the Director of the Sea Transport Department have arrived in London. They will establish personal contact with their British colleagues and will inspect various French missions now at work in England.—Reuter.

INCREASED N.Z. POST

Wellington (N.Z.), To-day.
Increased postal and telegraph charges are announced in New Zealand. Postage is up an additional 1d per letter, telegrams are up 2d, and there will be an additional 1d on every 6d telephone call.—Reuter.

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

GERMAN-SOVIET AGREEMENT

LONDON VIEW THAT NOTHING IS CHANGED

London, To-day.

THE TERMS OF THE German-Russian agreement were received in London in the early hours of yesterday morning and the necessary time has not yet elapsed for any authoritative reaction from London.

It is understood by Reuter that the agreement is being considered by the Cabinet and until that meeting has been held and there has been a consultation with the French, no statement of policy is likely.

In the meantime, well-informed quarters recall Mr. Chamberlain's statement in Parliament last week and the situation is considered in no way altered from what it was a month ago, nor is the German-Russian statement likely to change the policy of the British Government.

It is recalled that Mr. Chamberlain's statement of last week was stressed during the last week-end in a broadcast comment on Mussolini's speech, reading, "Our general purpose is well-known. That is, to redeem Europe from the perpetual fear of German aggression."

From the economic viewpoint, it is asserted that there is no reason to suppose that Germany is likely to obtain any more raw materials under the new agreement with Russia than she would under the original Non-Aggression Pact.

SITUATION UNALTERED

Nor is it thought likely that it will be possible for Russia to give any more in the way of raw materials to Germany than she could under earlier agreements.

It seems fair to stress, therefore, that the situation is not altered in any respect or degree since the day when Britain made up her mind to honour her pledges to Poland.

No new factors exist to-day which were not considered before the outbreak of war.—Reuter.

VEILED THREAT

Moscow, To-day.

Notwithstanding a veiled threat in the Russo-German Agreement to "consult on necessary measures" most observers here express the opinion that there is no military alliance between the two countries and if this is true Ribbentrop's mission has failed because in the event of a firm British and French refusal to consider the Hitler-Stalin peace offer, Germany would be left almost completely isolated.

Most competent observers are convinced that the Soviet-Estonian pact is aimed at a possible future attack rather than at the complete domination of Estonia.—Reuter.

RUMANIA'S NEW PREMIER

Bucharest, To-day.

Dr. Constantine Argetoianu, President of the Senate, has been appointed to succeed M. Calinescu, who was murdered by the pro-Nazi Iron Guard, as Premier.

Dr. Argetoianu, who is 68 years of age, has long striven for Anglo-Rumanian friendship.

He is on the board of directors of the Anglo-Rumanian Society, and is also chairman of two of the largest British industrial concerns in Rumania.

He has previously occupied the posts of Minister of Justice, Finance and Interior.—Reuter.

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OBITUARY

The Commandant regrets to announce the death of No. 2000 Pte. S. C. Tang, No. 4 M. G. Company, which occurred on 21.9.39.

ORDERLY MEDICAL OFFICER

Tuesday, 5th October. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Lieut. G. T. Balean.

PROMOTIONS

Extract from Government Gazette No. 57 of 22.9.39.

"No. 834—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the following promotions in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from the 10th August, 1939:—Lieutenant Cecil James Waddell to be Captain.

Lieutenant John Gordon Baxter Dewar to be Captain, 30th at September, 1939."

OFFICERS' LECTURES

Tuesday, 3rd October. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Lecture by government. All available Officers will attend.

PAY DUTIES COURSE

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and Other Ranks qualified in Pay Duties Course on 22nd September, 1939.

Corps Art. H. Q. C.Q.M.S. G. S. Wilby.

1st Batty. Sgt. H. S. Jones.

2nd Bty. Gnr. R. J. M. Darnley.

3rd Bty. L/Bdr. C. Guimman.

4th Bty. B.Q.M.S. J. A. Delgado.

Field Coy. Engineers, Spr. A. E. H. Castro.

Beach Light Coy. Spr. J. F. S. Yu.

Corps Signals, Signm. G. F. Walker.

Arm'd. C. Pl. Sgt. F. Brett.

M. M. G. Pl. Pte. K. Mitchell.

No. 1 M. G. Company, Pte. H. B. Joseph.

No. 2 M. G. Company, C.Q.M.S. J. C. Polson.

No. 3 M. G. Company, C.Q.M.S. J. C. Fincher.

A/Cpl. W. T. Knock.

No. 5 M. G. Company, C.Q.M.S. C. G. Silva.

Pte. A. A. Olaes.

A. A. Company, C.Q.M.S. J. J. Lima.

A. S. C. Company, C.Q.M.S. P. E. Baskett.

Field Ambulance, Cpl. D. Walker.

PAY & OTHER DUTIES COURSE

Friday, 6th October, H.Q. 5.30 Those detailed from Units.

RECRUITS SPECIAL CLASS

Monday, 2nd October, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. M. G. training.

Wednesday, 4th October, H. Q. 5.15 p.m. M. G. training.

PARADES

CORPS ARTILLERY

Saturday, 30th September. Man-

ning Exercise. 1st, 2nd and 4th Btys.

H. Q. 3.00 p.m. 3rd Bty. H. Q. 2.45 p.m.

It is expected that all will be back in Hong Kong by 10 p.m. Dress—Hel-

metts, shirts, boots, puttees, webbing

belts, Waterbottle filled, Gun platform shoes and overalls (to be carried).

1ST BATTERY

GUN DETACHMENTS

Friday, 6th October. Belchers, 5.45 p.m. Battery drill and L. G. training.

Dress—S. D. caps shirt, and shorts and gun platform shoes.

D.E.L. PERSONNEL

Wednesday, 4th October. Scandal Point 5.30 p.m. Mobile light training.

Dress—Overalls.

2ND BATTERY

CLASSES FOR LAYERS, RANGE-TAKERS & A.A.L.M.G.

Monday, 2nd October. Scandal Point 5.30 p.m. Those detailed.

GUN DETACHMENTS

Wednesday, 4th October. No. 2 Gun. Scandal Point 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, 5th October. No. 1 Gun. Scandal Point 5.30 p.m.

D. E. L. PERSONNEL

Wednesday, 4th October. Scandal Point 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, 5th October. Scandal Point 5.30 p.m.

DRESS

Overalls and S. D. caps.

UNIFORM

Tuesday, 3rd October. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Uniform and fitting of respira-

tors.

3RD BATTERY

GUN DETACHMENT & D.R.F.

Monday, 2nd October. Belchers, 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, 4th October. Belchers, 5.30 p.m.

Dress—Overalls, S. D. caps, G. P. shoes.

LEWIS GUN SQUAD

Monday, 2nd October. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. Dress—Overalls, S. D. caps.

Thursday, 5th October. H. Q. 5.00 p.m. for shoot. Dress—shirts, trousers, S. D. caps, webbing, belts, boots.

D.E.L. PERSONNEL

Tuesday, 3rd October. Wellington Barracks. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls, S. D. caps.

TELEPHONISTS COURSE

Monday, 2nd October. Belchers, 5.30 p.m. Dress—S. D. caps, shirts, shorts, boots, puttees.

LAYERS COURSE

Thursday, 5th October. Belchers, 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls, S. D. caps, G. P. shoes.

4TH BATTERY

School, 5.30 p.m. D. E. L. Personnel.

Tuesday, 3rd October. D. E. L. Dress—Overalls.

Wednesday, 4th October. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. L. G. Personnel. Dress—Overalls and S. D. caps.

Friday, 6th October. Queen's Pier. 5.30 p.m. All members except above. Dress—Overalls, gun platform shoes, S. D. caps.

5TH A. A. BATTERY

Monday, 2nd October. No. 2 Sec. Queen's Pier. 5.15 p.m.

Tuesday, 3rd October. No. 1 Sec.

Queen's Pier. 5.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 4th October. No. 2 Sec. & N.C.O.'s. Cl. Queen's Pier. 5.15 p.m.

Friday, 6th October. No. 1 Sec. & N.C.O.'s. Cl. Queen's Pier. 5.15 p.m.

Saturday, 7th October. No. 2 Sec. Queen's Pier. 5.15 p.m.

Sunday, 8th October. No. 1 Sec. and N.C.O.'s. Cl. Queen's Pier. 5.15 a.m.

FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS

Monday, 2nd October. Kowloon Canton Railway. 5.30 p.m. Musketry.

Dress—S. D. caps, tunics, trousers.

Thursday, 5th October. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Class A—Field fortifications.

Classes B and C—Demolitions.

BEACH LIGHT COMPANY

Monday, 2nd October. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Drill and fitting clothing.

CORPS SIGNALS

Saturday, 30th October. H. Q. 2.00 p.m. Centre Section under Sgt. King.

Manning exercise. Uniform as detailed.

Week-end 30th September to 1st October. D/R. Section. L. G. instruction.

Signal Office duties have been suspended for the time being.

ARMoured CAR PLATOON

Tuesday, 3rd October. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. for Kennedy Road. Those detailed. Remainder H. Q. 5.30 p.m. M. G. training.

Friday, 6th October. Hung Hom Railway Depot. 5.30 p.m. Driving.

MOTOR MACHINE GUN PLATOON

Monday, 2nd October. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. M. G. instruction. Dress—Muffi.

Friday, 6th October. (i) Those detailed. Hung Hom Railway Depot. 5.30 p.m. Riding practice. (ii) Remainder.

H. Q. 5.30 p.m. M. G. training.

Sunday, 8th October. Stonecutters. Part II. M. G. Classification. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.15 a.m. and

Railway Pier, Kowloon at 8.30 a.m. Dress—Muffi.

NO. 1 M. G. COMPANY

NOS. 1 & 2 PLATOONS

Tuesday, 3rd October. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. As Company programme.

Friday, 6th October. H. Q. 5.30 As Company programme.

NO. 4 (TROOP) PLATOON

Tuesday, 3rd October. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. M. G. training.

NO. 2 M. G. COMPANY

Saturday, 30th September. H. Q. 2.30 p.m. Manning exercise. Dress—As detailed.

Wednesday, 4th October. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons.

Thursday, 5th October. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons.

M. G. and L. G. training as per programme.

Tuesday, 3rd October. Kowloon Dock. 5.30 p.m. No. 6 Platoon.

Thursday, 5th October. Kowloon Dock. 5.30 p.m. No. 6 Platoon. L. G. and Rifle training.

NO. 3 M. G. COMPANY

Sunday, 1st October. Stonecutters.

M. G. Part II, Nos. 9 and 10 Platoons. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. calling at Kowloon at 8.45 a.m.

Monday, 2nd October. See Company circular.

Thursday, 5th October. See Company circular.

NO. 4 M. G. COMPANY

Sunday, 1st October. Peak Range. 9.30 a.m. Recruits. Rifle Table A. Draw

passes for Peak Tram at H. Q. 8.45 a.m. Dress—optional. Musketry order.

Range Officer—Captain V. C. Branson.

Wednesday, 4th October. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. L. G. instruction. Lesson No. 2.

Sunday, 8th October. H. Q. 7.00 a.m. Manning exercise. For details see company circular.

Friday, 6th October. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s etc. L. G. instruction. Those detailed. Musketry.

PORTUGUESE COMPANIES

Sunday, 1st October. Kowloon City Range. Tables A and B Rifle. Firing commences at 8.45 a.m. Dress—optional, but belt, braces, pouches and frog must be worn. Haversack rations to be carried. Rifles will be issued at the Range. Range Officers—Lieuts. C. D'Almada e Castro and F. V. V. Ribeiro. 2/Lts. J. M. M. Alves, and E. L. Cunha.

NO. 5 M. G. COMPANY

Tuesday, 3rd October. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) Class A. Lecture and instructions (out-of-door) on elevation and distribution, traversing. (ii) Class B. Points B. D. A. (iii) Class C. Mechanism. Care & cleaning.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMPANY

Tuesday, 3rd October. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) Trained men. L. G. ground work (continued). (ii) Recruits. Sight setting, aiming, firing, stripping and assembling—elementary.

AIR ARM

Monday, 2nd October. Kaitak. 6.00 p.m. Lecture.

ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

p.m. Recruits.

Tuesday, 3rd October. H. Q. 5.30

Thursday, 5th October. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade.

FIELD AMBULANCE

Wednesday, 4th October. Old Ambulance Parade Ground. 5.30 p.m. Dress as for last parade.

Friday, 6th October. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Class.

PAY SECTION

Friday, 6th October. See para. 5 above.

QUALIFICATION-LAYERS

The following members of 2nd Battery have qualified as Layers:—L/Bdr. A. T. Godfrey, Bdr. S. J. G. Burt, L/Bdr. N. J. Bebbington, L/Bdr. A. J. Peaker, Gnr. I. H. C. Highet, Gnr. J. R. M. Smith, Bdr. A. J. Macfarlane, Sgt. A. A. Andrews, Gnr. G. G. Davies, Sgt. T. W. Carr, L/Bdr. J. J. Higgins, Gnr. J. H. R. Lee, Gnr. B. J. M. Monks.

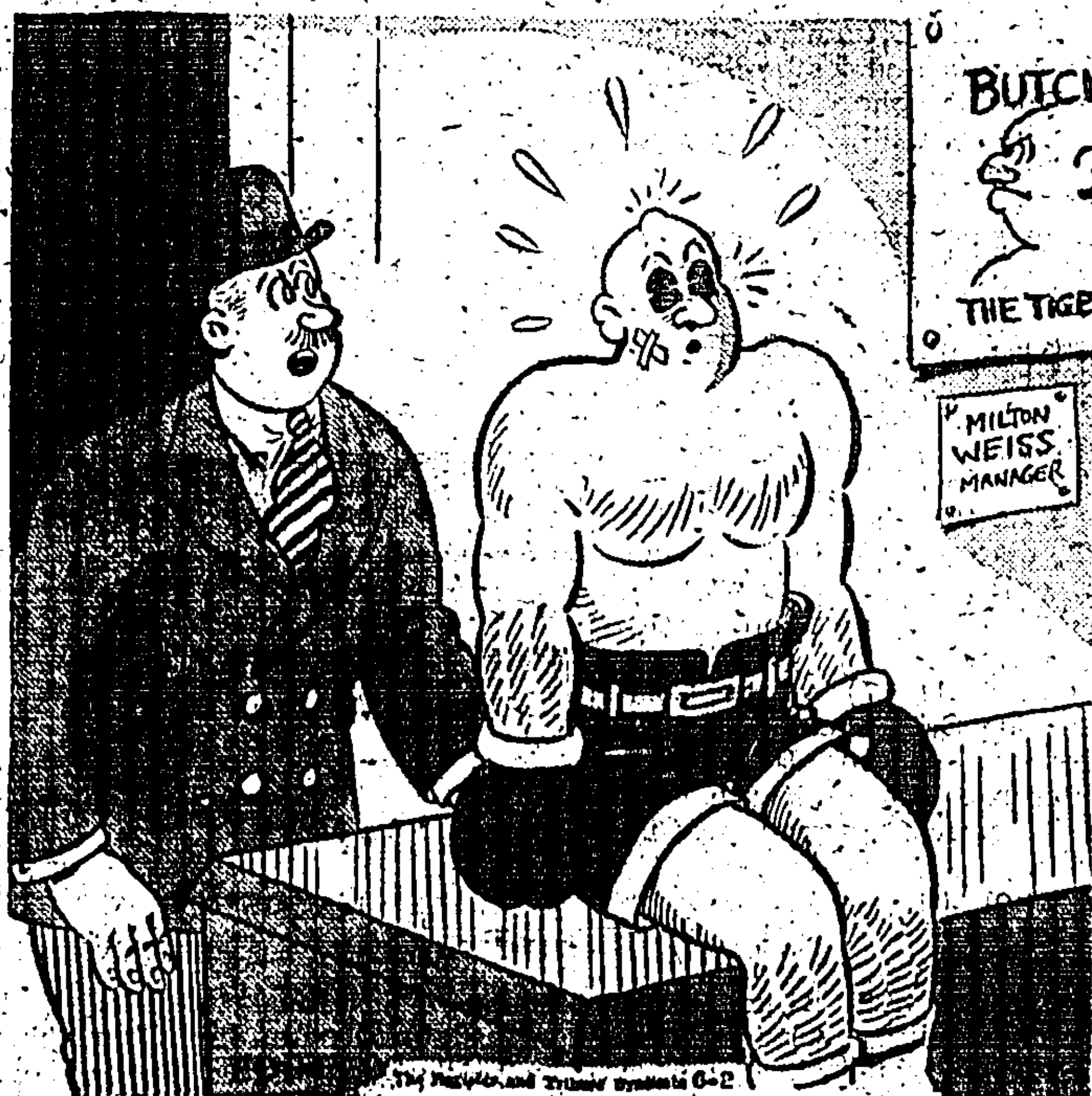
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Doray and Chela, who are to open their engagement at the Gloucester Hotel this evening.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



"Go home and get a little shut-eye and you'll be O. K. by morning!"

Here's Luck

EWO BEER

GERMAN PLAN OF CAMPAIGN

Rome, To-day.

The Fascist press, which for some time has been urging the Allies to make peace, yesterday published a message from Berlin stating that Germany will not start an offensive on the western front but will try to defeat the blockade by air attacks.

This may be construed as a threat to the Allies, but at least it is an assurance that the war is going on. — Reuter.

NORTHERN CAPITALS GREATLY PERTURBED BY MOSCOW PARLEY RESULTS

London, To-day.

THE NORTHERN CAPITALS have been greatly perturbed by the new Soviet-German agreement, and the forced surrender of Esthonia to Russia.

The opinion is held in Scandinavia that Russia has now been firmly established as the chief power in Baltic, where German influence will lessen.

However, comment in most of the neutral countries is carefully reserved.

Lithuania, Hungary and Rumania are the countries most interested in the latest developments.

The German frontier with Lithuania has been greatly extended, and Hungary, through the former Czech province of Ruthenia, is now in direct contact with Russia.

RUMANIA'S BUFFER

A report from Budapest says that by noon yesterday, Soviet troops had taken over the entire Soviet-Hungarian frontier.

Rumania has a buffer between herself and Germany, but the buffer is Soviet territory.—Reuter.

HOW LITHUANIA SEES THE COMPACT

Kaunas, To-day.

Far-reaching developments are seen from the German-Soviet and Soviet-Esthonian pacts.

Esthonia will now have a much larger common frontier with Germany and certain political quarters believe that while Latvia and Esthonia come under the Russian sphere of influence, Lithuania will fall within the German sphere.—Reuter.

VOLUNTEER ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to amend further the Volunteer Ordinance is gazetted:—

Section 5 of the Volunteer Ordinance, 1933, permits volunteers to quit the corps, on complying with certain formalities, except when on actual military service.

Under section 11 (7) of the Compulsory Service Ordinance, (No. 32 of 1939) members of the Hong Kong Defence Reserve may quit the same only with the previous sanction of the Governor.

The object of the new Bill is to require similar permission in the case of volunteers who may desire to quit the corps, during the war, if not called out for actual military service under section 11 of the principal Ordinance.

Provision is also made, in accordance with the existing practice, for the granting to such volunteers of leave of absence from Colony, not involving quitting the corps, by the Commandant in his discretion.

Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, residing at the Peninsula Hotel, has reported the theft of a clock, valued at \$40, from his car, No. 5487, which was parked outside the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. The dash-board was damaged to the extent of \$20.

POLAND LODGES PROTEST

London, To-day.

The Polish Ambassador has called on Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, to protest against the German-Soviet pact partitioning Poland, declaring that the act was one of brutal violence and is null and void.—Reuter.

TURKISH PACTS WITH ALLIES NOW READY TO BE SIGNED

Istanbul, To-day.

THE TEXTS OF THE mutual assistance and economic agreements between Turkey, Britain and France have been finally agreed upon, according to persistent rumours in diplomatic circles in Ankara.

It is reported that signature to the agreements will take place immediately after the return of Sarajoglu Pasha, the Turkish Foreign Minister, from Moscow.

Responsible circles in Ankara insist that the new Soviet-Turkish pact does not impair Turkey's pledges to Britain and France.

It is stated that Turkey's agreements with Russia, Britain and France all aim at maintaining the status quo in the Balkans and the Black Sea and in reassuring the security of the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

SPREADING THE WAR BURDEN

London, To-day.

The House of Commons held a short session yesterday and approved the Budget resolution in the report stage.

Sir John Simon, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, replied to the Opposition criticism that the increased sugar excise would affect the poorer classes.

He said: "I put this Budget together in the best effort to distribute the burden."

"It is not right that all the increases should fall on the direct taxpayer. We have tried in the stable commodities increases, such as sugar, to see that there will be no profiteering, and very effective machinery is being worked out for that purpose."

Reuter.

YULIN RAID

Chungking, To-day.

Only 10 persons were injured when Japanese planes raided Yulin in north Shensi, according to official reports received from Sian.

Over 50 bombs were dropped in the course of the two raids, destroying some 200 houses. No fires occurred.—Our Own Correspondent.



A Tommy takes it easy with deck chair and pipe. (Copyright, Fox).

DEFENCE RESERVE REGULATION

It is announced that any member of the key-posts group or of the general group for essential services who wishes to leave the Hong Kong Defence Reserve with the previous sanction of the Governor under section 11 (7) of the Compulsory Service Ordinance, 1939, must apply for such sanction through the Organizer of his group who will forward it with such comments or recommendations as he sees fit to make.

Subject to any special directions they may receive from the Governor, the Organizers may grant in their discretion to members of their groups, leave of absence from the Colony not involving quitting the reserve, but without such leave no member of the reserve may quit the Colony.

PROMOTION IN H.K.N.V.F

His Excellency the Governor has made the following promotions in the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force:—
Sub-Lieutenant to Acting Lieutenant.

Bernard Joseph Morahan.
Stanley Joseph Swetland.
Probationary Cadet to Acting Lieutenant.

John Douglas.
Acting Sub-Lieutenant to Sub-Lieutenant.

Leslie Philip Ralph.
Desmond Ernest Hindmarsh.
Warrant Officer to Acting Sub-Lieutenant.

Ernest Wilde Fielding.
Denys Warwick Morley.
George Fish.

John William Eastman.
Cadet to Acting Sub-Lieutenant.
Henry Preston Bailey.

William Alan Johnson.
Jack Yuan Hutton-Potts.
John Murray Purvis.

Donald William Wagstaff.
Lawrence Gilbert Merry.
Probationary Cadet to Acting Sub-Lieutenant.

John Baxter Colls.
Cadet to Warrant Officer.
Lionel Malcolm Snape Lloyd.

POLISH OIL WELLS SABOTAGED

London, To-day.

It is doubtful whether Russia (which gets 80 per cent. of the Polish oil fields) or Germany will be able to derive much advantage from Poland's oil supply for some time to come.

A recent Moscow report said that the oil-fields had been sabotaged by the Poles and that it would be at least a year before they could be worked again.—Reuter.

NEW RUSSO-GERMAN PACT

RUSSIA GIVES UP PART OF EARLIER CLAIM IN POLAND: STRATEGY OF THE KREMLIN

London, To-day.

ALL INTEREST CONCENTRATES on how far the new Russo-German Agreement, with the promised supply of Russian raw materials against German manufactures, may affect the progress of the war.

The question is one of how to set about transporting large quantities of Russian raw materials the long distances they must travel overland. This presents the difficulty.

Another is Russia's own internal requirements, particularly oil, the increased output of which in the past eight years has been fully absorbed by home demands.

Apart from practical considerations, the view is widely held that Russia expects the war to culminate in a revolution in Germany in which she may rear a communistic state.

The question then is whether Russia will deem it best to see Germany collapse quickly or by partially feeding Germany with supplies to prolong the agony with the view of making the crash worse when it comes.—Reuter.

FRENCH STATEMENT

Paris, To-day.

France's reply to the German-Soviet Agreement is published in the form of a semi-official statement in which it emphasises that after protesting with so much violence against the Versailles Treaty and the so-called violation of rights of the German people, Germany now regards the destruction of Poland as the base of lasting peace.

How can one hold up the destruction of the Polish nation as bringing about the destruction of all grounds for conflict in the east?—Reuter.

FOUR POINTS

Berlin, To-day.

Before leaving Moscow, von Ribbentrop said that the following points had been settled:—

Firstly, that German-Soviet friendship had been definitely established;

Secondly, that the two nations would allow no further interference in Eastern European questions;

Thirdly, that both desired peace to be re-established and that Britain and France give up the futile struggle against Germany;

Fourthly, "Should the war-mongers of those two countries prevail" Germany and the U.S.S.R. know how to meet such a situation.

Ribbentrop said that he hoped to visit Moscow again and make a much longer stay.—Reuter.

NEW OFFENSIVE IN THE WAR OF WORDS

Paris, To-day.

The new Soviet-German pact has left Paris just as unmoved as London.

A semi-official statement asks how the view can be upheld that the destruction of Poland removes all ground for conflict.

France's position, it is stated, is that she is fighting not only for her own interests but so that the independence and security of nations can be secured.

RIGHTS OF NATIONS

It is asked how Germany, after her vituperation against the Versailles Treaty, and her insistence on the so-called rights of nations, can state that the partition of Poland is the basis for peace.

"It appears that a new offensive in the war of words has been launched," it is declared, "and it has already failed." — Reuter.

SOVIET'S SHARE

Moscow, To-day.

About 80 per cent. of the Polish oil wells remain in Soviet possession under the agreement signed at Moscow.

The Soviet also obtains Lwow, (Lemberg) the largest town in the south east of Poland and districts bordering on Rumania and Hungary.

Besides Lublin, Germany acquires the towns of Deblin, and Siedlce east of the Vistula.—Reuter.

TASS WAGGISH

London, To-day.

The new Soviet-German agreement was reached after an evening of junketing.

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, somewhat waggishly remarks that two of Herr von Ribbentrop's hosts at the dinner in Moscow were Jews.

The agency adds that it was probably the first time that the Nazi Foreign Minister had sat at table with Jews!—Reuter.

CANADIAN MILITARY AID

Ottawa, To-day.

Military help for Britain from Canada is proceeding rapidly.

All parts of the Dominion will be represented in the military force which will serve overseas.

Technical units of this force will be sent to Britain in the near future in advance of the main body. They will form part of the main force when it arrives.

A second division is being formed to serve in Canada.—Reuter.

WAR PURPOSES FUND IN INDIA

Simla, To-day.

The Viceroy, Lord Linlithgow, has opened a War Purposes Fund.

Subscriptions are pouring in from all parts of India, and over £250,000 has already been subscribed.—Reuter.

FLIES IN THE NAZI OINTMENT

London, To-day.

Three aspects of Thursday's trafficking at Moscow, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, are very important as they seem to show that Soviet-Nazi collaboration is not so whole-hearted as it seemed at first glance.

Firstly the treaty does not provide for automatic assistance for Germany if the war continues but merely consultations;

Secondly, at almost the moment of the signing of the pact, Russia entered into a form of military alliance with Estonia directed exclusively against Germany;

Thirdly, Russia has renounced a large part of the booty offered in the first preliminary partition, inhabited by 3,000,000 Poles, in order to retain the ethnical frontier of White Russia and Ukraine.

BAIT FOR PEACE?

The fact that no annexation was proclaimed by Germany suggests, according to well-informed quarters, that the Reich may bait a peace offer with a proposal for an independent Poland under German hegemony, though it is pointed out that such a proposal would have no chance of success with the Anglo-French allies.—Reuter.

RIBBENTROP MISSION A FAILURE

Moscow, To-day.

Competent observers here state that the Soviet-German pact does not include a military alliance.

If this is true, the mission to Moscow of the Nazi Foreign Minister was a failure, as Britain and France have refused Germany's peace overtures and Germany will be isolated.—Reuter.

NAZI PARTY WALKS OUT IN HUNGARY

Budapest, To-day.

All members of the Nazi Party walked out of Parliament, M. Hubay, the leader announcing that his party would withdraw from Parliamentary discussions.

M. Hubay complained that the Prime Minister had broken his promise of a political truce and was not allowing full freedom for the Nazi party.

Hubay's vote of non-confidence in the Government was defeated.

Parliament has adjourned until Thursday.—Reuter.

RIBBENTROP REPORTS TO HERR HITLER

Berlin, To-day.

The German Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, reported to Hitler immediately after his arrival back from Moscow.—Reuter.



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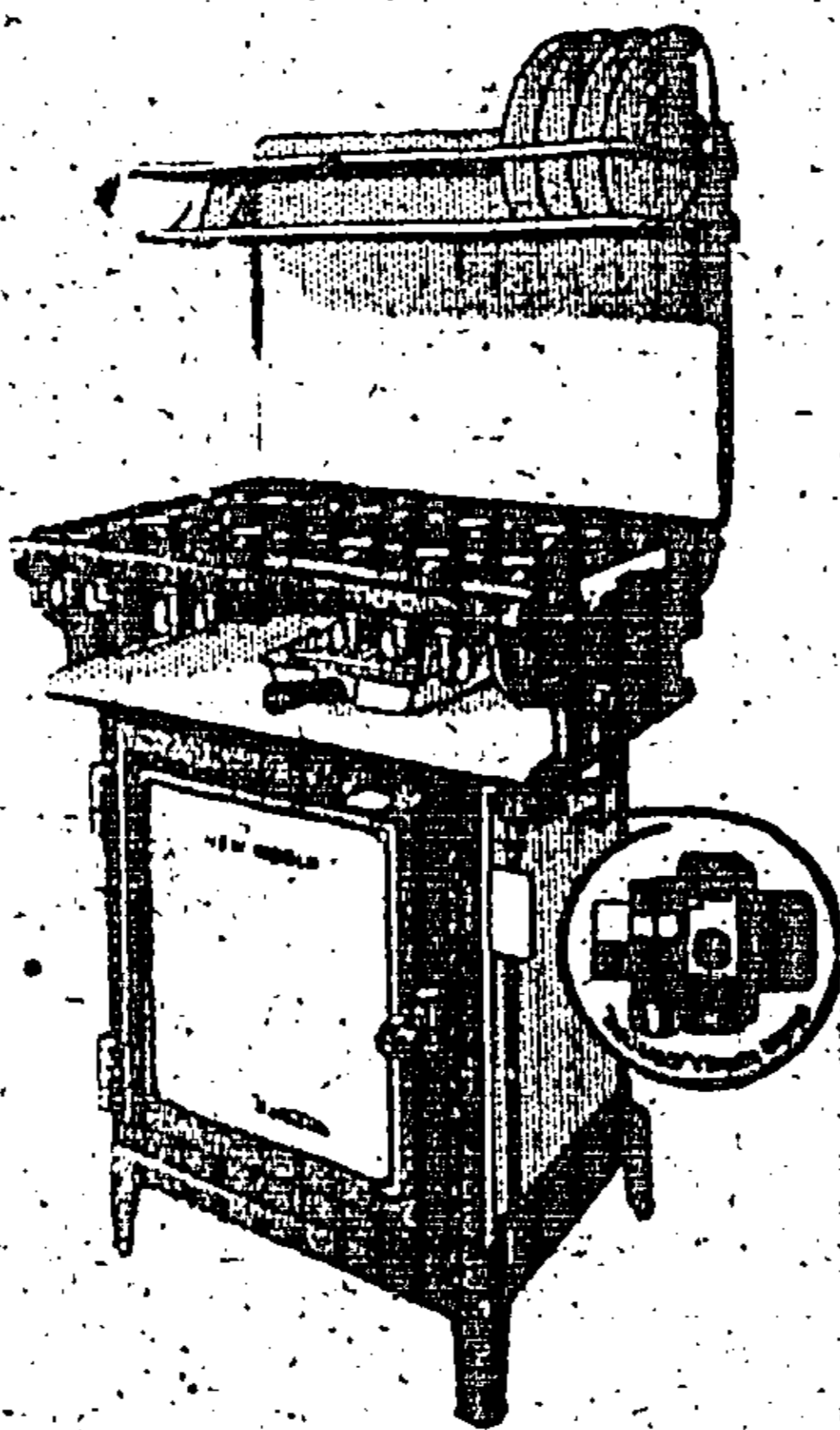
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

VICTORY TACTICS

Whatever may be Poland's plight, it is going to be a grim struggle between the Powers who are fighting in a just cause and an evil force which threatens to destroy the fundamental principles of liberty and international law. There can be no doubt about the ultimate issue. But it would be rashly optimistic to hope for a swift victory unless the German people rise in revolt against the leader who has plunged them into the madness and misery of this conflict, and demand a return to reason before their country's economic exhaustion is complete. The enemy's "impenetrable" Siegfried Line is already exposing the weaknesses due to hurried construction. In the air Britain and France are more than a match for Marshal Goering's vaunted might. As for the tactics that will be adopted to ensure victory, it is interesting to read what the famous military authority Captain Basil Liddell Hart has written in his recent book "The Defence of Britain." He maintains that in a major war neither side can hope to attain "victory" in the old sense of the word. "For the aggressor, aiming at conquest, the complete overthrow of opposing forces and the occupation of the opponent's territory may be necessary to success. But not to ours. Our object is fulfilled if we can convince the enemy that he cannot conquer." The sooner the German Chancellor can be convinced of this fact, the better for a world which dreads the horrors and hardships of a protracted war.—"Ceylon Observer."

CIVIL DEFENCE

Like Paris and Berlin, London is ringed with guns, balloons, and searchlights. The special province of the British is the multiplication of instructive pamphlets with titles as long as "Punch" captions (Your gas mask, how to keep it and how to use it; some things you should know if war should come).

They are crammed with common sense and pat slogans like: "Take Care of Your Gas Mask and Your Gas Mask Will Take Care of You." When enemy planes are overhead, "the motto for safety will be 'Keep it Dark.'"

Britons are warned to memorize the types of raid signals. The man who confuses hand rattles ("gas") with hand bells ("all clear") will be sorry that he did not do his homework.—"Time."

JAPANESE VIEW

The present war of Germany versus Britain, France and Poland is after all a war fought to gain political ascendancy either by Britain or by Germany. All the other belligerents except Britain and Germany are but playing auxiliary roles. The question therefore is which will win, Britain or Germany. The Reich's rise and growth in power will prove a constant menace to Britain, and for this reason chiefly Britain has stood up in arms. Unless this cause of menace to Britain is therefore completely eliminated, there would be no end of antagonism between these two nations. The only way to settle the trouble once and for all is to have either Britain or Germany win a decisive victory so as not to repeat such a war in Europe. For that, let them fight it out to the bitter end so as not to bring any such war again, we would demand.—"Nagoya Shimbun."

PERIOD OF TRANSITION

If British and French determination to overthrow the Nazi regime were strong, because of the erstwhile actual circumstances in which the present belligerent nations have moved, rather a lengthy period of transition may be envisaged to intervene between the time of a half-fledged wartime preparedness. This state of existing conditions is responsible for the current extreme activity of diplomatic and propaganda warfare. In the pre-war period the phraseology "war in peace" was in vogue, but the present situation would be best characterised by the reversing of this wording, that is, "peace in war."—"Asahi Shimbun."

MARCH OFF OF "TIME"

"Time" the famous American weekly, has been banned by the National Association of Wholesale Newsagents. Mr. Henry Luce, the proprietor of "Time," has declared that he is still unaware of the real reason for the ban, which, according to the Association's secretary, Mr. Hugh Birrell, has nothing to do with politics. The reason given is that "Time" perpetrates libels every now and then, and the Association is not prepared to run the risk of handling it. At first glance, this may appear reasonable enough. A second glance does not leave one so sure. This power of censorship—for it is nothing else—puts in the hands of the National Association an instrument which no such body can always be trusted to use with infallible discretion. The Association may retort that the blame lies, not with them, but with our faulty libel laws. That is largely true, but it is not the whole truth, as

HITLER'S PROPHECY

"A Russo-German coalition would remain either a matter of so much paper—and in this case it would have no meaning for us—or the letter of the treaty would be put into practice visibly; and in that case the rest of the world would be warned."

"It would be childish to think that in such circumstances England and France would wait for ten years to give the Russo-German alliance time to complete its technical preparations. No. The storm would break over Germany immediately."

"Therefore, the fact of forming an alliance with Russia would be the signal for a new war. And the result of that would be the end of Germany."—Herr Hitler in "Mein Kampf."

I know (states the editor) from my own experience. As that experience, connected with a libel action that "Truth" is due to fight immediately after the long vacation, I do not wish to say much about it, although I should be perfectly within my rights if I did. It is sufficient now to state explicitly that, on the strength of that experience, I am of the opinion that the power enjoyed by the National Association of Wholesale Newsagents ought to be removed from it, because it can sometimes become a threat to all that is connoted by the Freedom of the Press. Mr. Luce emphasised that since "Time" was first distributed in England fifteen years ago, that magazine has not cost any British newsagent, distributor or other British subject or company a single penny in damages arising out of a libel action. "Truth" can make the same boast, and over a longer period. In the 60-odd years of its history nobody, outside the proprietors, has ever suffered loss through selling a "libellous" issue of "Truth." But that fact did not save me, a few months back from treatment, at the hands of the Association, which left an unpleasant taste in my mouth. I shall tell the whole story one day.—"Truth."

WAR IS NO JOKE

If we have not yet seen in the current European war any blood stirring battle scenes—where hostile planes clash in spectacular combats, while, below, cannon roared, explosives burst, earth trembled, and men rushed at each other with gleaming bayonets—we have no right to kick. These Powers are not in war just to accommodate news reel producers, sensation-hungry newspapers and public. War is no joke; it's grim business.—"Japan Times."

SPORTS PARADE

WITH most local footballers, thought of an Interport with Shanghai had long been abandoned owing to present conditions, but the Shanghai Football Association, at a meeting recently, decided to invite Hong Kong to the Northern port either during the Christmas or Chinese New Year holidays.

The last Interport was played in Hong Kong in 1936 and since then the series has been discontinued owing to the disturbed conditions in Shanghai.

Both Associations were very anxious that these games be resumed and at a meeting of Hong Kong Football Association in August, Shanghai were written to and informed that Hong Kong would be able to send a team North in November if Shanghai could accommodate the Colony team then.

At a meeting of clubs to discover the feeling among the players it was found that none of the Chinese, with perhaps the exception of Kwong Wah, would be available. The Navy players it was stated would also not then be available. It was therefore left to civilian and Police teams to supply the players if the interport materialised.

The war has now intervened and it is doubtful whether the Police players would be available, so that the team will probably have to be composed almost entirely of civilians.

Hong Kong had hoped to go to Shanghai in November, and then invite Shanghai down in the Spring during the Chinese New Year holidays.

THE matter will probably be discussed at the monthly meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association which meets on Monday.

SEVERAL friendly football games will be played this afternoon in preparation for the opening of the Football season on October 7.

Kowloon Football Club are entertaining Kwong Wah in a senior game while their junior team are meeting Ordinance at 3.30 p.m.

Kowloon will be without P. Jorge, in the first team as he will be competing in the Scouts' Swimming sports.

At Boundary Road Police are trying their new arrivals from Home in a friendly game against Kwong Wah at 4.30 p.m.

Hogart, a schoolboy international will be seen in action for the first time in the Colony.

Royal Navy, who are having great difficulty in raising a First Division team, are holding their first trial game at Causeway Bay this afternoon at 4.30 p.m.

On Wednesday they meet St. Joseph's in a friendly game.

Several games between army teams will be played at Sookunpoo, Prince Edward Road, Chatham Road and the military grounds in the Valley.

To-morrow, South China meet a Rest team at Caroline Hill in aid of charity, while on Club ground the home team will play St. Joseph's in a friendly game.

JONEL Roza Pereira, the well-known swimmer, returned from Shanghai yesterday. Roza Pereira who was one of the main figures behind the V.R.C. effort to re-establish the Interport series with Shanghai, travelled north on the boat which would have taken Hong Kong's team had the present hostilities and general situation not caused the project to be abandoned.

WOMEN'S RECORD SHATTERED

Rotherdam, To-day. Min Cor Kint of Holland broke the women's world's record for 150 yards backstroke when she covered the distance in 1 min. 42.1 secs. The previous world's record was held by Min Irene Van Peggelen, whose time was 1 min. 42.3 seconds.—Reuter.

Eastern Beat Haiphong In Dull And Uninteresting Game

VISITORS LACK DASH OF PREVIOUS MATCHES

IN A DULL AND UNINTERESTING charity game at Caroline Hill yesterday, Eastern Athletic Association defeated the Haiphong Selected team by 7 goals to 3 before a moderate crowd.

Eastern were by far the better team while the visiting side did not play with the same enthusiasm that marked their previous games. In addition, they were not at home on the big ground at Caroline Hill and their short passes were often intercepted by the Eastern defenders.

The game was marred by a regrettable incident resulting in Chung Kam-hoi receiving marching orders.

His case will probably be dealt with by the Emergency Committee of Hong Kong Football Association as the game was played with its consent.

JOEY ARCHIBALD RETAINS TITLE

Washington, To-day. Joey Archibald (8 stone, 12½) a Princeton University medical student, retained the world featherweight title, outpointing Harry Jeffra (7 stone, 12½) of Baltimore, former world bantamweight champion, over 15 rounds. The decision was unpopular.—Reuter.

RAPIER'S SELECTIONS FOR MACAO

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VICTORY LIFE
COUREUR BLEU
Outsider: — Gold Clause.

RACE NO. 2
IRON KNIGHT
CLOUDY STAR
NATIONAL TRIUMPH
Outsider: — Eagle.

RACE NO. 3
KING'S PARADE
PERSIAN CAT
MAC'S ADVENTURE
Outsider: — National Dignity.

RACE NO. 4
CLOWNER
DOUBLE CHANCE
SPORTS VENTURE
Outsider: — National Anthem.

RACE NO. 5
FAIRY OUSEL
FAIRY AUK
HOGMANAY
Outsider: — Rothesay Bay.

RACE NO. 6
BOGEY
THE SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS
THE BUCCANEER
Outsider: — Gold Tower.

SWIMMING

CHINESE "Y" GALA

Following is the programme for to-night's swimming gala at Chinese Y.M.C.A.:

Open Events:—Men's 400 metres free-style; 100 metres breast-stroke, butterfly style; 100 metres medley relay.
A Class Events:—100 yards free-style; 100 yards breast-stroke; 100 yards back-stroke; 60 yards free-style.
B Class Events:—100 yards breast-stroke; 80 yards back-stroke; 100 yards breast-stroke; 220 yards free-style, handicap; 120 yards relay.
Staff 50 metres free-style.

OTHER GALAS

There will be two swimming galas this afternoon, University finals at European Y.M.C.A. and the Boy Scouts annual meeting at Victoria Recreation Club.

The former will start at 2 p.m. and the latter at 2.30 p.m.

The Eastern team were without Lee Tak-kee, who injured himself in a recent game, but his place was ably filled by Cheung Kam-hoi who played a hard game and was in great shooting form. He scored four goals, each a good one.

COMPETENT BACKS

Lau Hin-hon, in goal, did not have much to do as both his backs Tsang Chung-wan and Cheng Hing-kuen were able to deal with the attacking forwards.

Hsu Ken-seng played his usual hard game at centre half, while Lo Wai-kuen as left half had an easy afternoon against Sing.

Vien, on the left wing, for the visitors, was not so prominent in the forward line as hitherto.

The visiting team did not take the game seriously. They did not display the same dash and speed in as in their previous games and even when in shooting distance, still indulged in interpassing with the result that they were often robbed.

THE PLAY

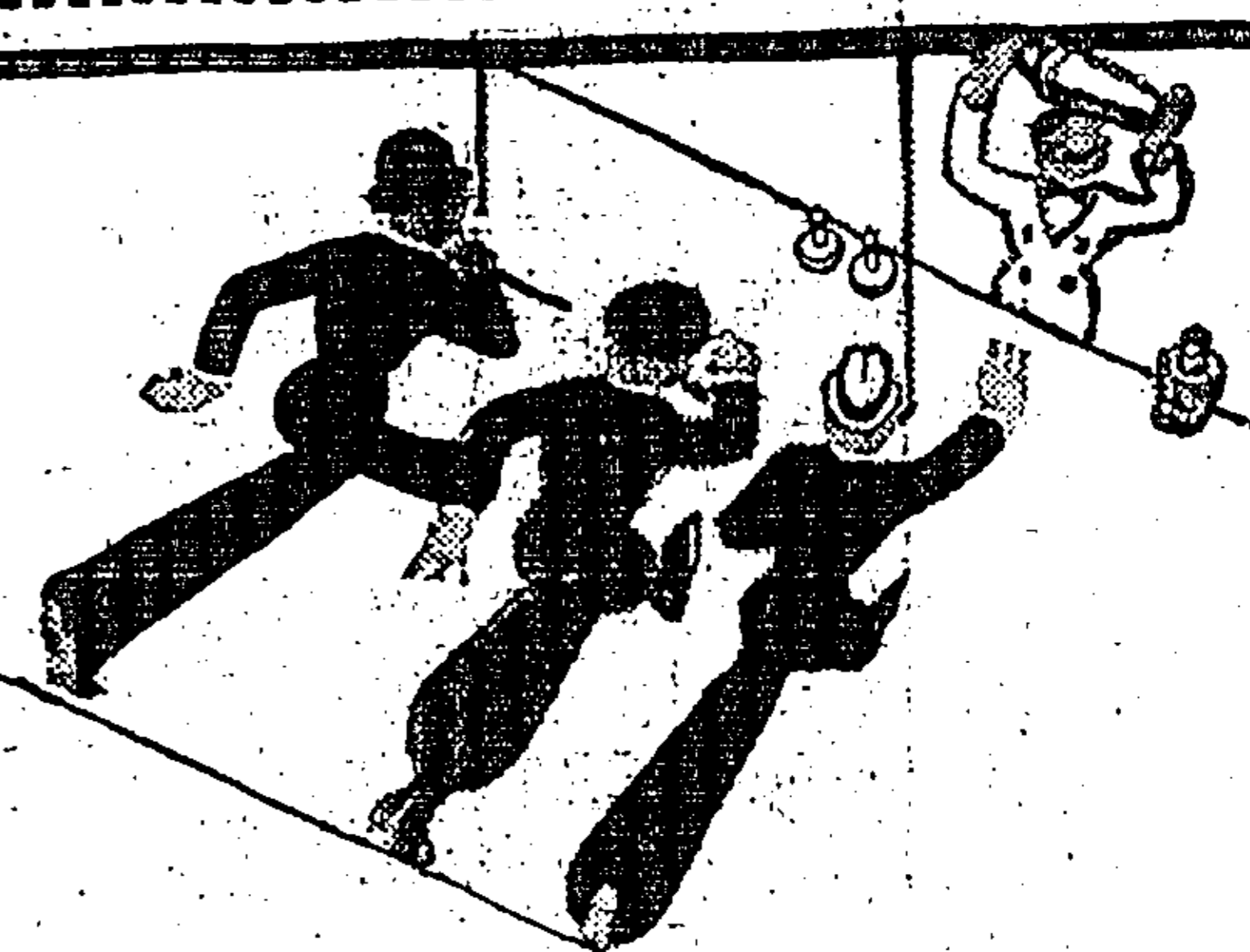
Eastern opened the scoring early in the game when Cham Kam-hoi scored close in from a centre by Chung Yung-sum. The same player added another shortly after. Continuing to press, Eastern scored two more goals through Cham Kam-hoi.

Crossing over with such a lead Eastern eased up but went further ahead through Cheng Yue-ting and Hsu King-seng.

Not over the visitors' account and Vien further reduced the deficit from a penalty. Chung Yung-sum scored Eastern's last goal and just before time Good scored for the visitors.

Eastern: — Lau Hin-hon; Tsang Ching-wan; When Ying-kuen; Lei Chi-tsang; Tsu King-shing; Lo Wai-shuen; Chung Yung-sum, Chow Po-wen, Cheung Kam-hoi, Chun Yue-ting, and Hsu King-to.

Haiphong: — Ting; Ping Kun; Hun, Tong, Chang; Sing-nem, Goo, Dung, Hol, and Vien.



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STRUGGLE TO AVOID RELEGATION TO-DAY

(by "SKIP")

ALTHOUGH INTEREST has generally flagged now that most of the season's honours have been decided, one or two interesting games still have to be played.

Club de Recreio "A" for instance will be all out to preserve their unbeaten record to-day. They have to visit Civil Service Cricket Club and one may rest assured will not take their hosts at all lightly.

They should win by a dozen shots, not more.

Both Kowloon Dock and Club de Recreio "B" are fighting to avoid re-

legation; the latter are by far the more favourably placed as they are two points ahead, but, should the Dock team beat the Indians, and the King's Park men lose to Craigengower, there would have to be a play-off as shot average does not decide the issue. I expect only the latter contingency to eventuate.

There is a "local derby" at Austin Road where Kowloon Cricket Club will be entertained. The winners will occupy third place in the League table—a rather obscure honour I admit! With home advantage I expect to see Kowloon Bowling Green Club win narrowly in spite of a team weakened by the absence of A. J. Hall and J. C. Gill.

THIRD DIVISION

In Third Division the match at Ming Yuen should prove the most interesting as Club de Recreio will be endeavouring to make quite sure of the junior championship of which

they are almost assured at present.

They will not forget the slip which their nearest rivals, Kowloon Cricket Club, made on this green recently, and should win quite comfortably.

It will be interesting to see if O. P. Remedios can retain his unbeaten record; he should do I think.

Yacht Club play their last match as a club and sentiment prompts me

to wish them to win; there is not a club in the Colony that takes a beating so sportingly but they will admit they have had plenty of experience in that direction!

Craigengower may be expected to beat Kowloon Bowling Green Club whilst Kowloon Cricket Club are not likely to make a slip at Stanley—just in case!

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

Two hockey matches will be played on the Y.M.C.A. ground at King's Park this afternoon.

At 3.30 Y.M.C.A. second eleven will play the Signals, while immediately after this game, approximately 4.45, "Y" first eleven will meet Royal Engineers.

On an adjoining ground C.B.A. Ladies will hold their first practice of the season.

"SKIP'S" FORECAST FOR TO-DAY

FIRST DIVISION

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|------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Craigengower C.C. (56) | v | Club de Recreio "B" (47) |
| Kowloon B.G.C. (54) | v | Kowloon C.C. (56) |
| Civil Service C.C. (53) | v | Club de Recreio "A" (62) |
| Indian R.C. (60) | v | Kowloon Dock R.C. (65) |

THIRD DIVISION

| | | |
|------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| R.H.K. Yacht C. (70) | v | H.K. Football C. (59) |
| H.K. Electric R.C. (54) | v | Club de Recreio (57) |
| Craigengower C.C. (48) | v | Kowloon B.G.C. (61) |
| Prison Officers C. (45) | v | Kowloon C.C. (58) |

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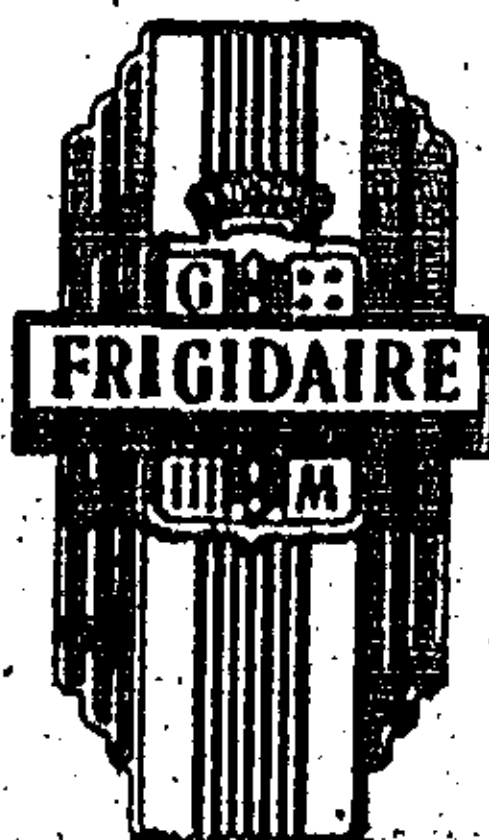
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U-BOATS BRINGING SWEDISH SHIPPING TO A STANDSTILL

Stockholm, To-day.

ALMOST ALL SWEDISH shipping traffic throughout the world is reported to be at a standstill, owing to the submarine menace. It is considered that the Swedish trade delegation in London should press for a more effective convoy system. The sinking of the Swedish vessel Nyland by a submarine off the Norwegian coast is described as inexplicable, as she was a neutral ship which left a neutral port for a neutral destination.

DUCHESS OF KENT AT A.R.P. H.Q.

London, To-day.

The Duchess of Kent yesterday spent 1½ hours at Windsor A.R.P. headquarters.

The Duchess saw the volunteers at their posts and witnessed an air raid rehearsal.—Reuter.

GERMANY'S TRADE WITH TURKEY

Ankara, To-day.

The Turkish press says that Turkey and Germany are to conclude a new commercial treaty.

Preliminary talks are said to have started already in Istanbul.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA TO ENLARGE HER NAVY

Canberra, To-day.

Australia is extending her naval establishment, and is building and buying small craft, including defence craft against mines.—Reuter.

The newspapers declare that the naval war has apparently shifted to Scandinavian waters and this is possibly confirmation of Britain's claim that her anti-submarine measures are most effective.

The Nyland's captain said that while he was on board the submarine he was convinced she was receiving full information from land.

SPY SYSTEM

Other men connected with shipping declare that a widespread and efficient spy system is operating; it is noticeable in Stockholm that certain foreigners of hitherto economical habits are now patronising the more expensive restaurants.

The Antwerp correspondent of "Soleil" states that 5,300 tons of iron ore consigned to the Liege steel-works went down in the Nyland.

The correspondent states that the sinking created considerable feeling in Antwerp and shippers are suggesting a protest by the Oslo group of governments.—Reuter.

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An unknown European, who persistently refused to give his name, has been detained in the cells at the Central Police Station since 1.40 a.m. to-day.

The man was travelling on board the "Golden Star" ferry shortly after 1 a.m. from Hong Kong to Kowloon and was alleged to have been under the influence of liquor.

He was also alleged to have thrown two life-bouys overboard.

He was taken to the Water Police Station but refused to give his name. Later he was taken to the Central Police Station and there also he would not reveal his name.

New York, To-day.

In view of the calm condition prevailing in the Pacific, New York Underwriters have reduced the war risk rates for belligerent ships from 1½ to 1 per cent.—Reuter.

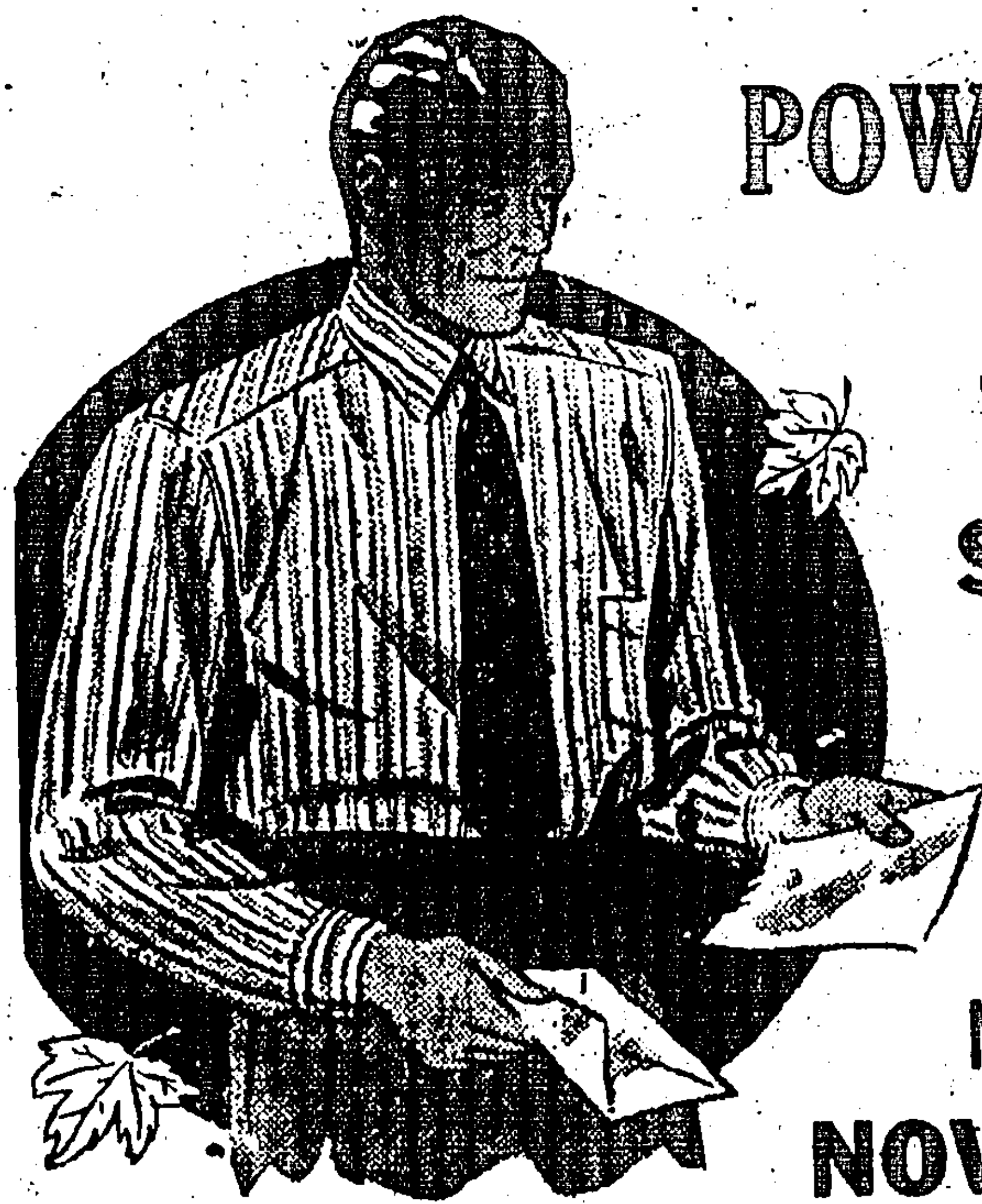
Hankow, To-day.

Three terrific explosions rocked Hankow yesterday evening. Following the first explosion, which occurred at 10.30 p.m., fire broke out in the Hankow aerodrome.

A second explosion occurred soon afterwards and a third at 11 o'clock.

The flames soon subsided, although smaller explosions continued.

No details are obtainable, but it is believed that a loaded bomber crashed when taking off.—Reuter.



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POPE TO RECEIVE POLISH COLONY IN ROME

Rome, To-day.

His Holiness the Pope is to receive in audience to-day the Polish colony in Rome, headed by the Polish Ambassador to the Holy See.

It is reported that His Holiness will deliver an address.—Reuter.

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